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The Honorable Thomas Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed merger of AT&T and DIRECTV.

AT&T is a major employer in Maryland (over 1700 employees) as well as an important financial asset (generating over \$100 million in state taxes and revenues annually).

AT&T has continually demonstrated to me and others in Maryland State Government their commitment to consumers in Maryland, through continued investments in their employees and in infrastructure, as well as their consistent charitable endeavors. I expect the proposed merger of AT&T and DIRECTV will enable them to expand and improve hi-speed access throughout more of Maryland, especially in our rural areas, which in turn will contribute to economic growth for the State and job creation for our citizens.

Because of the tremendous value it will bring to the citizens of Maryland, I urge you to support the proposed merger of AT&T and DIRECTV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. DeGrange, Sr." in a cursive script.

James "Ed" DeGrange, Sr.
State Senator, District 32