

October 16, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: AT&T/Direct TV Merger

Dear Ms. Dortch & Commission Members,

The Berkshire Chamber of Commerce is a business membership organization with over 1,000 members who employ more than 30,000 people in Berkshire County. Our mission is to lead and advance economic development, and support the civic and social welfare of Berkshire County through the advocacy and support of our members and the Berkshire community.

The Berkshire Chamber is pleased to support the merger of AT&T and Direct TV as many of our members are area businesses and they live, work and operate their offices in rural areas of Western, MA. We have worked with AT&T as a member for several years now and appreciate what they have achieved with service and coverage in this area known as the Berkshires. The pursuit of this merger would be very valuable as many of our areas are still underserved with coverage for wireless, telephone and broadband. It would also impact the visitors to our region who are impacted by the lack of service when they vacation and visit our area for business. This merger would serve well for needed improvements in communication services in this area.

As we look to lead and advance economic development in the Berkshires, we see the merger of AT&T and Direct TV as one that will benefit the consumers, businesses and visitors throughout all of the Berkshires.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Butler
President & CEO