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State Of Nevada

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Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW  
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners:

As Lieutenant Governor of the state of Nevada and a Board Member on the Governor's Economic Development Board, I request your careful consideration and approval of the merger between communications companies DIRECTV and AT&T. As our state continues to work towards bringing innovative solutions to our residents and compete for high tech jobs, manufacturing opportunities and business growth for companies of all sizes, this type of merger helps deliver infrastructure solutions statewide through private sector investment, without imposing a further tax burden to our residents. In a state that has wide open spaces with sometimes marginal internet service, this proposed merger will provide more choices for high speed internet for those rural populations.

Our commitment to jobs and economic growth remains constant in all areas of our state, both urban and rural, especially in our 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. Just last month, northern Nevada was chosen as the manufacturing site for Tesla's gigafactory to produce its electric car batteries. In the south, Las Vegas continues to bring call center and gaming jobs and provides a majority of our tourism revenue. Mining has created significant growth in the rural and eastern parts of our state and remains a critical industry.

AT&T has also been a major employer in Nevada, filling service and management jobs and building the network infrastructure necessary to benefit our many citizens and businesses. It's this investment in high speed networks that keeps our state competitive with other states and provides the jobs and opportunities for our economy to grow and prosper.

Thank you for the opportunity to lend my voice in support of the merger of these two companies and their promise of continued investment in the network infrastructure of Nevada as they continue providing more choices for high speed internet for our rural communities. Please feel free call me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian K. Krolicki".

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