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The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau lends its support to the proposed merger of AT&T and DirecTV. The merger has the potential to benefit millions of customer locations across the country, including thousands in Oklahoma, by expanding and enhancing the reach of high speed Internet access to underserved rural areas.

Our organization proudly represents farming and ranching families across the state of Oklahoma. Unfortunately, we know some rural communities in Oklahoma never have had access to high speed Internet services. Like many other states with rural populations, Oklahoma has fallen short in the deployment of broadband at the state level. With this merger, Americans in rural areas across the United States, may for the first time, have access to high speed broadband connectivity.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau supports actions to improve economic opportunities in rural areas. The economic future of Oklahoma will flourish best if we adopt the tools and skills necessary for farmers and ranchers to compete in this century. The high speed Internet infrastructure and services spurred by this merger are very important to rural Oklahomans. Approval of the merger would bolster our efforts to increase rural high speed Internet access and the choice of bundled offerings and innovations that would enhance the quality of life and productivity in Oklahoma's farming and ranching communities.

Please afford this proposed merger every possible consideration, and do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to know more about how broadband access affects Oklahoma's farming and ranching families.

Sincerely,



Tom Buchanan
President of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau