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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: Ex Parte Notice. MB Docket No 14-90. In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and DIRECTV to Transfer Control of FCC Licenses and Other Authorizations

On January 30, 2015, Larry Cohen, CWA President, spoke with Chairman Tom Wheeler via telephone about the proposed AT&T/DIRECTV merger. Mr. Cohen urged the Commission to approve the proposed merger expeditiously.

Mr. Cohen cited four substantial public interest benefits to the proposed combination. *First*, it will expand high-road labor standards and good, career jobs for employees. *Second*, it will create a stronger competitor to the dominant, incumbent cable companies in video and broadband markets. *Third*, it will improve the economics for high-speed broadband expansion. *Fourth*, AT&T has made voluntary commitments to expand high-speed broadband and offer standalone retail video and broadband services for the next three years, commitments that we are confident the Commission will secure as part of its regulatory review. Finally, the proposed merger raises few competitive concerns, since AT&T is primarily a broadband, wireline voice, and wireless company and DIRECTV is a video provider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Debbie Goldman'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debbie Goldman
Telecommunications Policy Director
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