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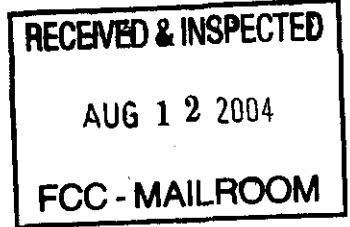
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 04-70 – Ex Parte Communications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing with respect to the pending acquisition of AT&T Wireless by Cingular Wireless, which is under review by the Commission. In my review of the merits of this transaction, it is apparent that while there are many benefits – more advanced services, better customer service, extending wireless broadband to underserved areas – perhaps none are more significant in this day and age than the improvements a combined Cingular-AT&T Wireless can offer in the realm of public safety and homeland security.

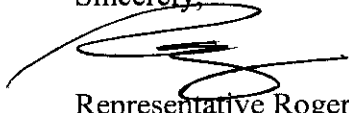
Combining the Cingular and AT&T Wireless networks will result in a truly national wireless network. With redundant and more survivable wireless communications, that benefits homeland security and local public safety. Wireless Priority Service will become available over a larger network with more availability and fewer gaps. Having more wireless capacity means more open channels on which to place a call, resulting in fewer dropped or blocked calls and a reduction in dead spots – vitally important benefits when placing calls related to security and safety in Delaware and other areas of the busy northeast corridor. And the combined company will also accelerate rollout to underserved areas.

I am also aware that the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) has expressed its encouragement of the Cingular acquisition of AT&T Wireless because combined the capabilities of the two companies to implement and improve E9-1-1 services will be strengthened. This is significant as Delaware continues its efforts to implement its state E9-1-1 plan and Phase II deployment. There can be no doubt that ubiquitous deployment of wireless E9-1-1 services stands as bedrock for our public safety and homeland security efforts.

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For these reasons, I offer my support and welcome the Commission's approval of this transaction.

Sincerely,

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Representative Roger Roy

Chairman

Telecommunications, Internet and Technology Committee