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March 1, 2005

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

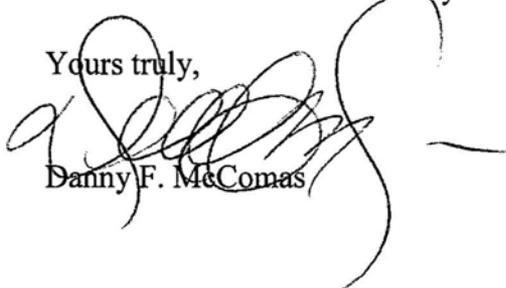
I am writing to affirm my support of the pending merger of ALLTEL and Western Wireless Corporation. In the telecommunications industry, wireless communication is one of the most significant growth drivers. As a wireless communication's user, I am fully interested in better coverage, improved reliability, and enhanced call quality. I am also an ALLTEL subscriber.

As a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives and member of the Committee on Public Utilities, I keep advised of the status of the services being provided by wireless communications providers as well as the progress of E9-1-1 development in North Carolina. I believe their merger will strengthen the capabilities of each company to implement and improve the aforementioned services.

The proposed merger of ALLTEL and Western Wireless will enhance the service for their combined subscribers.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on this issue. Should you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call me directly.

Yours truly,



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