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

In the matter of Verizon Wireless/ Alltel Corporation Transfer of Control Applications, WT Docket No. 08-95

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Dominican-Americans are some of the fastest groups to adopt broadband and a wide array of emerging telecommunications technologies. As an organization that has been advocating and working on behalf of Dominicans in this country, the Dominican American National Roundtable strongly believes that the announced merger between Verizon Wireless and Alltel will strengthen competition and innovation for all consumers while bringing broadband and its exciting new technologies to Dominican-Americans around the country.

Verizon Wireless is well known for having one of the largest and most reliable national wireless networks in the country, so Alltel's customers will benefit from its size, reach and quality. This means ever-greater choices – in plans and phones – than before for these customers as well as one of the most advanced broadband networks. We understand that even the roaming service will go uninterrupted because of all the various low cost providers the company currently works with on this platform. With the uptake of broadband usage being relatively high in the Dominican community, this issue is of particular interest to our constituency.

Beyond the technical aspects, the merger will be good for innovation. Verizon Wireless' Open Development promotes the creation of new devices and services by third parties. Alltel's customers will stand to benefit from this competition-promoting initiative as well as from Verizon's record of investing billions of dollars every year in its own wireless network.

Verizon Wireless also has the scale and scope to invest in network facilities in both urban and rural areas – many areas in which there is a dense Dominican population. Verizon Wireless's investment in new wireless spectrum to deliver high-speed broadband service is just one benefit for a number of markets with dense Dominican populations.

A combined Verizon Wireless and Alltel will be good not only for Dominican-Americans, but for all Americans. We urge you to conduct a speedy review and swift approval of this transaction.

Sincerely,



Victor F. Capellan

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