



July 25, 2008

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:

I'm writing to share the Latino Coalition's enthusiastic support for the proposed merger of Verizon Wireless and Alltel. The Latino Coalition exists to monitor the effect of public policy and its impact on the Latino communities throughout the United States. We feel that this merger provides good consumer competition for all people including Latino communities.

At a time when the headlines are dominated by depressing business news about companies retrenching, it is refreshing to see that Verizon Wireless is willing to make a major strategic investment in the future. Verizon Wireless's purchase of Alltel would be not only an investment in the future of the two companies, but also an investment in the future of advanced wireless technology in America.

The Latino Coalition is confident that a healthy, competitive market is the best assurance that the greatest number of Americans will have access to this new generation of technology at the lowest possible prices. The Verizon Wireless/Alltel merger will reinforce such a market. It would mean the presence of an expanded wireless carrier with the market size, financial strength and technology base to make competitive offers nationwide, all while keeping costs low for the consumer.

A combined Verizon Wireless/Alltel would benefit countless Latino customers across the country. We encourage you to give the Verizon Wireless/Alltel merger your full support.

Sincerely,

Hector V. Barreto
Chairman