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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is the 35th anniversary year of the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce and our member companies are located throughout these two great partner nations. Three and a half decades of promoting the U.S.-Mexico trade relationship have demonstrated to us this vital relationship is best supported by a healthy business climate in both countries. It appears the Verizon Wireless/Alltel transaction would make a significant contribution to business in the U.S. and Mexico.

The proposal by Verizon Wireless to acquire Alltel is in keeping with Verizon's demonstrated willingness to invest in the broadband future, for both wireline and wireless services. The days when wireless service was seen primarily as a convenience for voice conversations have been eclipsed with remarkable speed by the emergence of wireless broadband as a business resource. A recent study released by the Wireless Association projects productivity gains enabled by wireless broadband will add an additional \$860 billion to the U.S. economy over the next ten years.

The Verizon/Alltel merger would accelerate the benefits of wireless broadband by extending Verizon's advanced wireless network technology into areas currently served by Alltel. Those benefits are particularly attractive to small businesses where expanded wireless broadband options translate into expanded opportunity for international trade.

Our member companies also respect this acquisition as a source of enriched competition and choice in the U.S. wireless market, as well as in international wireless service linking Mexico and the United States. The presence of nationwide wireless competitors with extensive technical and financial resources would mean competitive choices for all consumers.

We respect the FCC's responsibility to carry out a thorough assessment before making a decision. Once that assessment is complete, we hope you will agree with us that the Verizon Wireless/Alltel transaction deserves your full support.

Sincerely,


Albert Zapanta
President & CEO