



# "THE STATE CHAMBER"

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President

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry believes the merger between Verizon Wireless and Alltel will boost competition in the cell phone industry while it offers new innovations to all Nebraskans – whether they live in downtown or on the farm.

Our state's economy is growing faster than ever. The transaction between these two wireless companies will further propel our rural communities into a global marketplace. As an established wireless carrier, Verizon has the ability to make the significant investment in rural infrastructure that is so desperately needed. It has already poured billions into a new portion of the wireless spectrum just to deliver a new high-speed (broadband) service to more Americans.

Broadband can bring economic vitality, modern health care services and educational opportunities to rural residents that will enable them to become more productive and improve the quality of their lives. As our state grows, so does the area in which we do business.

Moreover, Verizon has a proven track record of ongoing investment in innovation and progress. Alltel customers will also realize the advantages of the Verizon Wireless Open Development Initiative, which gives entrepreneurs a chance to bring the latest high-tech devices and creative new services to the public.

The transaction between Verizon and Alltel is good for Nebraska's business leaders, industry and the farming communities throughout the state. We urge you to conduct a speedy review and swift approval of this transaction.

Sincerely,

Barry L. Kennedy, CAE, IOM  
President

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