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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the State of Nebraska, I urge your commission to approve the purchase of Alltel Wireless by Verizon Wireless. A merger of these two companies would deliver Nebraskans the most reliable, innovative wireless services on the market.

Nebraska has been well served by Alltel since the company purchased Aliant Communications and began operating here in 1999. Today, Alltel serves over 625,000 customers in Nebraska. Alltel's acquisition by Verizon Wireless will be another opportunity for improved service for Nebraskans.

I respectfully request that the Commission approve the purchase of Alltel Wireless by Verizon Wireless. The combination of these two complimentary networks will yield technologic and economic benefits to Nebraska and all of rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Heineman".

Dave Heineman
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