

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

September 24, 2010

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 8-C445  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you know, CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010 for approval of their proposed merger. We are writing to express our support for this transaction as it will benefit consumers and small businesses in Louisiana.

With its headquarters in Monroe, CenturyLink is an important part of the Louisiana economy as well as an important driver of community development throughout our state. CenturyLink is one of just three Fortune 500 companies anchored in Louisiana. In particular, the company has invested over \$880 million in its networks in our state alone - enabling numerous rural communities to access advanced technology in the modern information economy.

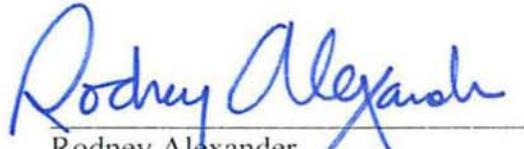
The CenturyLink-Qwest merger will benefit consumers across the nation by enhancing the new company's ability to invest in broadband infrastructure and expand its offering of innovative products, such as CenturyLink's IPTV offering. In cities and small towns alike, a robust broadband network is an indispensable ingredient in economic development and bringing jobs to our local economies. We are also encouraged that CenturyLink has a good track record of integrating companies it acquires without interruptions in quality customer service and operations, including its July 2009 acquisition of Embarq.

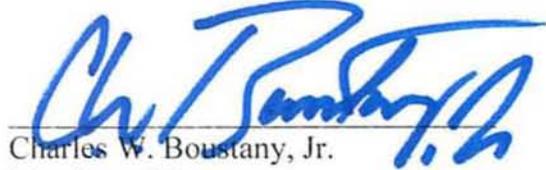
In closing, we would appreciate that you give this transaction every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review. We are confident you will conduct a thoughtful and timely review, and appreciate your consideration of our views on this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Mary L. Landrieu  
United States Senator

  
David Vitter  
United States Senator

  
Rodney Alexander  
Member of Congress

  
Charles W. Boustany, Jr.  
Member of Congress

  
Charlie Melancon  
Member of Congress

  
Steve Scalise  
Member of Congress

  
Ahn "Joseph" Cao  
Member of Congress

  
Bill Cassidy  
Member of Congress

  
John C. Fleming  
Member of Congress





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October 25, 2010

The Honorable Rodney Alexander  
U.S. House of Representatives  
316 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Alexander:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on the potential benefits of this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction – investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and job creation – are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

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Julius Genachowski



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October 25, 2010

The Honorable Charles W. Boustany, Jr.  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1117 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Boustany:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on the potential benefits of this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

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The Honorable Anh "Joseph" Cao  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2113 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cao:

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The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
506 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cassidy:

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The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu  
United States Senate  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Landrieu:

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404 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
429 Cannon House Office Building  
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