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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Arkansas State Conference of the NAACP urges your support of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. Broadband access helps to erase roadblocks for those with more limited access to business and educational resources. It allows individuals to make a way for themselves by empowering them to seek new opportunities.

If completed, this merger will bring high speed mobile broadband access to almost all Arkansans. This opportunity to transform our state cannot be ignored. For too long, minorities have lagged behind in adoption and access to broadband. We must take advantage as there is no other alternate plan to deploy this technology.

The current environments of small business development, healthcare access and education all demand that participants be connected to succeed. We exist to identify and advocate for policies and initiatives that provide opportunities for success. The results of this merger will provide that opportunity. Our state is at a crossroad. We choose not to site idly while other states and nations pass us by. Please join us in support of this merger and the transformative power of broadband access that it will bring to minorities and the underserved of Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Dale Charles

Dale Charles, President

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
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