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

Dear FCC Commissioners:

In the matter of applications of AT&T, Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations; (WT Proceeding - No. 11-65).

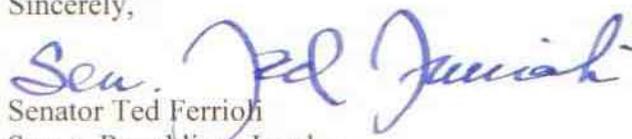
I thank you for the chance to be included in the public opinion portion of your decision making process. I believe it is in the best interest of consumers and business that the Commission approves the merger as proposed.

During my time in the State Legislature and as a member of the Oregon Broadband Committee, I have learned some of the ways emerging wireless technologies can positively impact people's lives. The merger will allow the combined company to expand its high-speed 4G LTE mobile internet network to more than 97% of the U.S. population, including citizens in more rural areas like those of my district. This represents an important opportunity for families and businesses to have access to the latest technology which benefits communication, data transfer, economic development and education. A century ago, phone lines brought people together; today it is wireless networks and the modern internet that joins us.

The AT&T/T-Mobile merger also ensures more rural residents have the ability to take advantage of emerging technologies just like their neighbors in big cities. In this day and age it is only right to treat all communities equally regardless of geographic location and this merger will help spread equality amongst every American.

It is amazing to witness how technology is constantly changing our lives. We all benefit when technology companies are given the opportunity to enhance, improve and innovate their existing offerings. I believe the matter before you addresses exactly that opportunity.

Sincerely,


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