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

WT 11-65: In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

When I consider the outcome of the proposed T-Mobile/AT&T merger, I am greatly encouraged by the possibilities I see for the people and businesses of my community. That is why I am writing to share my comments in support of the merger.

The kind of infrastructure investment that AT&T is committing to with this merger is considerable with the enhancement of existing network infrastructure with high speed wireless access. The capabilities that this technology will make possible will spur innovation and create jobs. Not only will the merger provide LTE broadband service to over 97% of all Americans, it will do it faster than would be possible without the combined company. The positive impact that this high-speed access would have for local economic development and education cannot be overstated.

For households, businesses, and communities that do not currently get high-speed wireless Internet service—as is the case in many small or rural communities—this access would connect them to the world and to the opportunities of the 21st century.

And for our city government, LTE access will connect leaders to more constituents and improve communication between them. It will allow us to enhance our online presence and to share emergency information or news alerts with residents at lightning speed. Residents will have easier, faster access to information about city ordinances and services, community events, and job openings. This access can even help us attract new businesses to the area.

The opportunities that technology promises—and delivers—are countless. The impact of this merger would be particularly positive for small and rural communities, but the power it provides could impact every household and community across the country. Thank you for the opportunity to share my views on this issue.

Sincerely,


Adam Hornung, Councilman
Lincoln City Council

CC: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell