

May 19, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Commissioners:

In today's uncertain economy, union protection gives workers peace of mind that they will continue to have a voice in the workplace. As president of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 431, I believe that extending this protection to more Iowa workers is the right thing to do.

That's why I support the AT&T merger with T-Mobile.

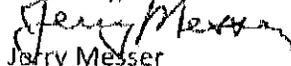
AT&T is unique in its support of union representation for its employees. Its relationship with the Communications Workers of America makes it one of the few wireless companies in the country whose employees are unionized. If AT&T merges with T-Mobile, it will offer T-Mobile employees the access to union representation that they are now denied.

In addition to the merger being good for workers, it clearly represents a positive step forward for our local economy. More small businesses, including those in rural areas, will be able to access state-of-the-art Internet technology. Faster connections and improved service will help those businesses to stay competitive in their fields. They will, for instance, be able to reach out to customers using Facebook, Twitter, email pitches and other online sales tactics that may have been impossible for them before.

Meanwhile, consumers in those same communities will be able to use their smart phones to search the Internet for local contractors, sales at nearby stores, and online reviews of businesses and services that interest them.

For workers, businesses and consumers alike, faster and more abundant Internet access is a real victory. I hope you will recognize the opportunities it presents for the people of Iowa and beyond and allow this merger to move forward.

Sincerely,



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