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National Headquarters

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Mr. Julius Genachowski  
Ms. Mignon Clyburn  
Mr. Michael Copps  
Mr. Robert McDowell

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners,

We are writing to urge your support for the AT&T-T-Mobile merger. This is docket 11-65.

As you may be aware, SER is a national, private, nonprofit organization devoted to making a positive impact on families across America. SER stands for "Service, Employment and Redevelopment" the goals and principals we work toward and support. In Spanish "SER" means "to be." Since its inception in 1965, SER has worked to be a resource meeting the needs of economically challenged individuals in numerous areas including education, job skills training, literacy and employment.

We strive to help people develop the skills necessary to succeed in the modern workforce. To accomplish this, SER oversees a network of 35 community-based organizations in more than 180 locations in 17 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, which place participants in permanent, unsubsidized, and productive employment situations.

The AT&T-T-Mobile merger brings the promise of faster deployment of high-speed wireless services and all the benefits more and easier access will bring to the people we serve. As the Commission knows well, Hispanic Americans consistently rank among the heaviest users of wireless services. Our communities, especially younger Latinos, increasingly utilize their mobile phones for phone, email, Internet browsing and entertainment. By expanding high-speed wireless service, as the two companies have pledged to do, millions of Hispanic and Latino Americans will benefit from greater opportunities in education, healthcare, wellness and access to government services.

If the merger is approved, the companies have pledged an additional \$8 billion in capital investment for faster wireless access. Combined with existing investments, this will make considerable progress toward fulfilling President Obama's vision of universal high-speed access – a promise that resonates among the populations we serve. This investment will also generate jobs throughout our communities. Furthermore, it will help sustain existing jobs among those who actually deploy these high-speed networks. These are good jobs with benefits, many of which are unionized. In short, these are the kind of jobs that our communities strongly need. Beyond that, better wireless systems will support small and home-based businesses, giving those in small towns or underserved areas the access they need to make their business grow.

Finally, the Commission must recognize the importance of closing the Digital Divide. Expanded access means greater availability of everything the Internet offers, including educational resources, ease of civic engagement, improved health services and information as well as expanded business opportunities. Thus by expanding wireless services, the AT&T-T-Mobile merger will help us realize the goals our organization strives to attain. In conclusion, please support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please support the AT&T-T-Mobile merger.

Sincerely,

Ignacio Salazar  
President & CEO