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

Dear Commissioners:

When disaster strikes, you cannot count on having electricity or wired connections to communications networks. But that mustn't prohibit first responders from accessing such networks in perilous situations. In times like these, we count on having access to reliable, high speed wireless service.

As the founder and chair of the K9s4Cops, I know the importance of having this access, and that is why I support measures that will expand it, such as AT&T's merger with T-Mobile.

K9s4Cops is dedicated to providing law enforcement with specially trained canine units to assist with search and rescue, protection of officers and detection of illegal narcotics, explosives and other contraband.

For example, having reliable access to wireless service is critical during a search and rescues, natural disasters including tornados and hurricanes – both frequent occurrences in south Texas, and other instances when there is no time to find a computer with a wired Internet connection.

The next generation of wireless service (4G LTE) will substantially increase wireless speed and reliability, making it possible to send and receive video signals. In addition, AT&T says that with the additional capacity that will come from joining with T-Mobile's network, it will be able to expand its 4G LTE service to over 97% of Americans. Disasters are just as likely to occur in remote areas as in cities, and in Texas we find that many narcotics busts come from desert areas near the border that currently do not have cellular service.

A law-enforcement officer's life can depend on his or her canine partner, and wireless communications can be as essential to help protect lives of our public safety professionals on the ground and the individuals and communities that they protect. I hope you will quickly approve this merger so we can see the benefits as soon as possible.

Best Regards,

Kristi Kay Schiller
Founder and Chairman
K9s4Cops