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FCC
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As Colorado Treasurer, I am focused daily on the economic health and continuing challenges that employers face throughout our state. After examining the specifics of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, it is clear to me that it offers numerous benefits for companies - particularly small and medium-sized employers - and will help expand the reach of broadband services in currently underserved areas of Colorado.

With the combined spectrum and technology of these two companies, the post-merger entity could provide 4G LTE wireless broadband service to nearly every city, suburb and rural crossroads in Colorado. In a tech-savvy state like ours with an economy that increasingly depends on the high-tech sector, near-statewide availability of 4G LTE would be of immense value.

The increased access to broadband would build momentum behind our recovering economy, especially among technology-oriented small businesses. Small businesses are the largest drivers of job growth, and 4G LTE would help enable that growth, especially in Colorado. High tech is our path to a prosperous and sustainable economic future.

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The potential benefits gained by the AT&T-T-Mobile merger would help Colorado secure that future. I am hopeful that the FCC will approve the merger.

Sincerely,



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