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May 26, 2011

Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65), the Virginia chapter of the AFL-CIO wishes to be included in the public comment. We endorse the transaction because it will benefit organized labor as well as consumers in general.

As you are likely aware, AT&T has a healthy working relationship with the Communications Workers of America (CWA), which provides representation for the company's 43,000 union workers. AT&T is the only US wireless company to employ union labor and the company has proven through previous mergers that workers who are absorbed through the transaction will have the ability to choose for themselves whether they want to be represented by the bargaining unit. This commitment to workers' rights is commendable and will greatly benefit thousands of T-Mobile workers who currently do not enjoy the chance for representation.

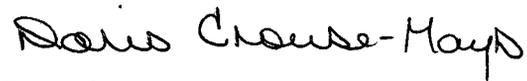
In addition, AT&T has committed to work with CWA to combat involuntary job losses so that any workers adversely affected by the merger will have the chance to seek other positions within the company.

As a result of the merger, AT&T will maintain a financial position that will enable it to invest the necessary capital to expand its network, facilitating the hiring of additional workers. We are optimistic AT&T's expansion could create thousands of new, well-paying jobs. On top of that, build-out of high speed broadband infrastructure will have a positive effect on the economy for many years to come. This is critical to economic competitiveness and our quality of life.

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On behalf of the Virginia AFL-CIO, I respectfully request you move to approve this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doris Crouse-Mays". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

Doris Crouse-Mays  
President

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