

I write to you regarding a very urgent matter. On March 20th, AT&T Wireless made an announcement that they intend to acquire T-Mobile USA from Deutsche Telekom. This transaction is a gross violation of the spirit of our nation's anti-trust laws, and a slap across the face to American consumers. This transaction must be halted, and we must protect the American people from the intentions of AT&T, to overtake the GSM wireless market.

As a nation struggling through a difficult economic climate, we must rebuild our economy with a strong competitive backbone, and avoid the possibilities of any monopolistic influence. Desperate companies affected by the tough economic times will try anything to survive, even if it violates the law; we must prevent AT&T's desperation to revive itself to cost our nation the protection it deserves from anti-trust laws. AT&T is in a position where it has failed to sustain itself without an illegal acquisition, or an exclusivity contract guaranteeing it the rights to the nation's most popular mobile device, the Apple iPhone. The case of the iPhone is indicative of AT&T's inability to sustain a viable business, but rather they have to resort to unorthodox business practices to survive. Once they lost their contract to the iPhone, they had to resort to the next viable option to survive, to create a GSM monopoly. It is clear that AT&T cannot sustain a sound business without finding !

another way to obligate the consumer to conduct business with them.

The rights of consumers is an ever-growing issue of discussion. As corporations are given more and more free reign, consumers need to be protected from companies desperate for gross profits at any cost. Similar to oil companies, an increase to a relatively in-elastic product such as wireless communications, can have a significant impact to consumers. GSM technology is very different from CDMA (the wireless technology used by Verizon Wireless and Sprint). By limiting consumers to only one choice for GSM service, this acquisition is creating a technology-monopoly. Sprint, an open advocate opposing the buy-out, would eventually succumb in the event of the acquisition, creating a industry duopoly. We cannot allow these oligarchies to take hold in the wireless industry.

There is no circumstance in which this acquisition's benefits are not outweighed by the risks. Our nation bailed out the nation's banks in 2009. As a result of the bail outs, we have seen the banks surreptitiously continue to defile Americans left and right. Let's not bail out AT&T at the cost of the American consumer. I respectfully request that you harness a position opposed to this illegal acquisition.