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Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

CommScope is a leading provider of telecommunications infrastructure based in Hickory, North Carolina. Founded 35 years ago, CommScope employs approximately 4,000 Americans in multiple states. Today, CommScope offers a wide suite of solutions used to provision wireline and wireless carriers; government and enterprise customers; and residential broadband networks.

As a supplier of advanced communications networks, components, and services, CommScope has a clear interest in promoting the Federal Communications Commission's broadband deployment goals and ensuring that market development is not hampered by the looming wireless spectrum crisis. But sound broadband policy has implications far broader than the interests of a single company: Each year, Americans rely more and more on information and communications technology ("ICT"), and the ICT sector plays a greater and greater role in the nation's economic output. This role will continue to grow as communications and information-processing technologies are further integrated into other sectors, ranging from energy to health care to education and beyond. Investment in communications technology remains strong. For example, capital expenditures in wireless increased 19.4 percent in the last year. Moreover, broadband investment creates opportunity well beyond the communications industry itself. It has been estimated that a one percent increase in broadband deployment could lead to as many as 300,000 new jobs.

The benefits promised by information and communications technologies will be forfeited, however, if broadband deployment is stymied by a lack of wireless spectrum or by policies that undercut network investment. Despite the challenges presented by surging consumer demand, the United States must continue to lead in broadband development and build-out. To that end, CommScope strongly supports the core objectives of the Commission's National Broadband Plan, as well as policies, marketplace developments and transactions that will promote all broadband technologies and foster the efficient use of scarce wireless spectrum. In particular, CommScope fully supports the FCC's goal of freeing up 300 MHz by 2015 and 500 MHz by 2020.

Only by emphasizing pro-investment, pro-deployment policies and by working aggressively to address the looming spectrum crisis can the Commission ensure that the American economy remains the most productive and competitive in the world.

The rising demand for wireless broadband can be met through sound government policies. In the short term, the FCC must seriously weigh the public interests benefits advanced by the parties in the AT&T-T-Mobile transaction. Through its broadband policies, spectrum reforms, and transaction reviews, the Commission should strive to meet the longer term wireless broadband needs of consumers and ensure that America remains globally competitive as the world increasingly embraces wireless broadband connectivity.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to share our views on these important matters and I applaud your innovative leadership at this critical time. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eddie Edwards", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eddie Edwards

cc: Frank M. Drendel, Chairman of the Board, CommScope
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