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

Re: Gn Docket 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

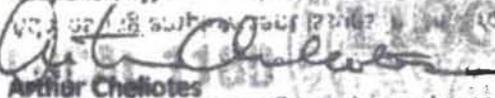
The New York City Central Labor Council (NYCCLC) is a labor membership organization devoted to supporting, advancing and advocating for the working people of New York City. The NYCCLC brings together 400 locals representing 1.3 million workers from every trade, occupation, public and private sector of the New York City economy. I am writing today to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed merger between T-Mobile and AT&T.

Addressing employment issues in New York City and across the country requires significant investment and this merger promises to do just that. An additional \$8 billion investment is expected from AT&T pending approval of this merger, which will certainly go a long way toward creating new jobs within the industry and beyond it, adding considerable value to other sectors. At a time when federal funds for states are drying up and state and local governments are facing impossible choices, this type of private sector investment is needed to help fill the gap.

Beyond the possibilities for job creation, we're immensely pleased that the combined workforce resulting from this merger will be housed within AT&T, the only union employer in the wireless industry.

T-Mobile employees will have access to the benefits associated with union organizing that they been denied under their current employer. This is another critically important aspect of this merger that the Commission must take into consideration. Allowing the T-Mobile/AT&T merger will drive investment and job creation, helping to build out the advanced information networks that New York and all of America need to be competitive. We are solidly behind this proposed merger and we hope that you will be too.

Respectfully,

  
Arthur Chelotes

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