

Regarding the merger of Tmobile and AT&T, I wholehearted oppose the FCCs approval of this merger. Many people realize how strong this would make AT&T as a wireless provider, but maybe do not realize the national repercussions.

While AT&T and T-mobile are two of four major wireless carriers providing service to the millions of Americans would need access, they are also the only two major GSM providers in the nation. The GSM technology is newer, more robust, and more widely adopted internationally, and this would create a wireless GSM monopoly for AT&T in the US. This is a more powerful tool than anything else AT&T could hope to gain from the merger, as international travel and commerce is substantially more difficult on a CDMA wireless carrier phone than on a GSM wireless carrier phone. With technology bringing the phone into a much more powerful commerce strategy, through the use of technologies that allow payments and proof of identification, having a phone that only works in the US and a select few other countries on the CDMA network leaves no choices for people with these needs other than AT&T.

Vote "no" to the monopoly of the GSM network. Vote "no" to the merger until a suitable national GSM provider is available to the majority of Americans to allow competition for GSM service.