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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The digital advances of today are creating opportunity across our nation. People are able to receive information that changes their life's prospects, regardless of location, background or income. But, the digital divide is widening, and as it spreads, African- Americans are falling farther and farther behind. As president of the NAACP of Texas, I see this as a major issue that must be addressed.

High speed Internet is a key tool to help those who have been disenfranchised. The proposed merger between T-Mobile and AT&T will not only enhance wireless and Internet services, but will offer greater and broader coverage into large urban areas as well as rural communities.

After the merger, millions more Americans will have the potential to access 4G network services, which is more than either T-Mobile or AT&T had originally planned. This deal helps President Obama achieve the goal of expanding access to more Americans. Greater access creates more opportunity to close the gap in education that blacks currently have compared to whites.

Better education is key to equality. With the proposed network after the T-Mobile-AT&T merger, more people will have faster and more reliable access to the opportunities this technology enables. I urge you to quickly review this matter and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

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