

## Development Authority of Burke County

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

June 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

*RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).*

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the Development Authority of Burke County, I hope you will support the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, which will benefit businesses and consumers across the country especially in rural areas and small towns.

The Development Authority of Burke County recruits new industry and supports expansion of existing industry for Waynesboro and Burke County in Georgia. Being able to provide the latest technology to existing and potential businesses is critical in our efforts to encourage economic growth and job creation in our community. Combining these two companies will allow for additional investment in wireless Internet which is vital in recruiting new businesses to our area.

Today, businesses rely heavily on the Internet and being able to connect to the rest of the world is important to ensuring their growth. It encourages innovation, which leads to economic growth. Additionally, it improves educational opportunities by opening up new avenues to obtain information and ideas.

Sincerely,



Jerry C. Long,  
Executive Director

CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn