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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

The Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Georgia is one of the largest aviation museums in the United States and a major Air Force Heritage, Exhibit and Education Center in the Southeast. Since it opened to the public in November 1984, more than 11 million people from all over the world have visited the Museum, including more than 858,000 children who have participated in Museum education programs. On behalf of the Museum of Aviation, I would like to take this opportunity to ask the Commissioners to please approve the transaction between T-Mobile USA and AT&T.

The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will bring wireless broadband technology to more than 97 percent of the U.S. population, bringing a plethora of benefits to Americans of all walks of life. This increased investment and deployment of broadband will happen not only in urban centers but also small towns and rural communities. Moreover, increased access to cutting-edge, high-speed wireless internet will help strengthen economies and create new jobs for rural Americans. The people of our communities will be offered an entirely new market of online job opportunities, as well as the employment options driven by AT&T's investment in its next-generation network buildout.

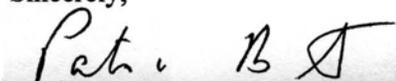
Additionally, innovative and exciting educational opportunities are made possible when children have broadband access. Parents and students alike will reap the benefits of 24/7 remote communication with teachers and other educational professionals. Students of every academic standing will be able to access online study tools and learning opportunities.

In our particular case, the Museum of Aviation will be able to reach more people and educate them on the history of both military and civilian aviation – and for the tens of thousands of students who seek us out for inspiration and information we can enhance and expand the impact of our many STEM programs that are so critical to education in America today. We will be able to share our knowledge and ideas with students and aviation professionals across the globe.

The social opportunities brought about by this merger are plentiful, as well. People in rural areas can connect to friends and family even when separated by long distances, while utilizing the worldwide web to meet and discuss with people who share similar values, interests, and career paths.

We are confident that supporting this merger is the best thing for the people of Georgia. We truly hope that the Commission will decide in favor of this transaction. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick M. Bartness". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "B".

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President/COO  
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