

June 14, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

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

Dear Commissioners:

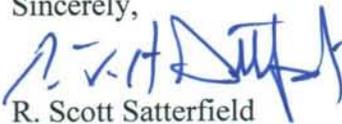
As an organization charged with bringing new jobs and business investment to a diverse corner of North Carolina, Wilmington Industrial Development (WID) would like to encourage you to support the acquisition by AT&T Corporation of T-Mobile.

Infrastructural disparities between rural and urban communities greatly complicate the task of extending sustainable economic opportunity to those who urgently need it. In our region, this challenge is especially daunting when it comes to access by businesses and residents to advanced telecommunications tools. The combined reach of these two companies will yield the scale necessary to bring the latest digital wireless technologies into our more isolated rural communities. AT&T plans to invest generously in upgrades to T-Mobile's current network platform, which will go far in extending high-speed mobile broadband to remote users. Given the ubiquity of today's wireless tools among businesses, residents and institutions, there is concern – especially in densely populated cities like Wilmington – about the increasing scarcity of available spectrum. The larger scale emerging from the combination of AT&T and T-Mobile will address this scarcity as urgent efforts to boost the efficient use of finite spectrum can then move forward.

The consolidation of these two companies should lead to improved cost-competitiveness for digital wireless services. As the past 15 years have shown, leading telecommunications providers must come together in order to move pioneering technologies into the hands of customers in a manner that is affordable, reliable and quick. When they are allowed to do so, consumers and communities benefit.

Thank you for your consideration of how this acquisition can complement economic development strategies in our part of the nation.

Sincerely,



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