



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

June 14, 2010

RE: In the Matter of AT&T Inc.'s request to merge with T-Mobile USA (WT Docket No. 11-65)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Hope Manifest is an organization working with small non-profit organizations serving rural America and other underserved populations. We see all the time the disadvantage these communities face in terms of inadequate infrastructure. This is everything from water to roads to technology. I personally have had the opportunity to see the valuable role technology can play in improving people's lives. There can be no doubt that access to technology can make a major difference in the health, education and economic futures of small town America.

Today, access to broadband is vital to a community's future. Broadband has a remarkable impact on the lives of citizens that many of us take for granted. Many areas in my home state of Alabama, despite striking developments in broadband availability in recent years, still don't have quality access to high speed Internet services. That needs to change.

I support the President's goal of reaching every American with high speed Internet access. The proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile will help bring us closer than ever in achieving this laudable goal. The promise of high speed data services reaching more places must be embraced. So I ask your support and that of your fellow commissioners in approving this merger to help spread broadband further and wider than ever before.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Todd Heifner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C. Todd Heifner
Co-Director

CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn