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To: Federal Communications Commission  
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From: Mr. John Crump  
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Dear Commissioners,

It's no surprise to me that the first discovery of gold in the United States was located just east of Midland, North Carolina. In my eyes, that's exactly what Midland is—Gold. With our majestic tranquility and small-town culture, Midland is nothing short of gold in a time where rural values and quiet seclusion is overlooked in favor of the loud hustle of a big city. As much as I love rural Midland, however, I can't deny that there are a couple of things missing.

As a retiree from AT&T and a former mayor of Midland, I am keenly aware of the technological challenges that we face and the means to overcome those challenges. At this point in time, my neighbors and I are interested in receiving the same high-quality wireless service that is available to more privileged and populated areas. Any initiative that will deploy advanced technologies across the state receives my support. That is why I am strongly in favor of the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile and the increased wireless service it will bring to the area.

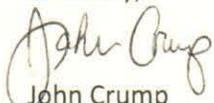
Citizens in rural communities across the United States are torn between living in the small towns that they love and moving to areas where they will have a greater digital connection to the outside world. As a result of the AT&T merger, that fast and reliable connection will be brought to us. In fact, as a condition of the merger, AT&T will cover a total of 97.3% of the country with their modern 4G LTE technology. This is something that all rural communities can get behind and I look forward to the wireless coverage that Midland will receive.

I have dedicated my life to leading the people of Midland in our efforts to preserve the rural quality of life that we enjoy in our community. Through integrity and honesty, we have worked to prepare for a brighter and more prosperous future. I believe that this merger will ultimately aid us in our efforts to advance technologically while remaining in the beautiful North Carolina countryside.

I ask you to join us in our effort to preserve rural America and pass this merger. We've struck gold in Midland, NC. Please don't take that away.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



John Crump  
Former Mayor of Midland