



**NORTH CAROLINA  
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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

North Carolina Farm Bureau is a private, non-profit, grassroots policy driven organization that has been actively promoting farm and rural issues since 1936. Today, we have over 525,000 member families, many of whom live in rural areas of our state.

For a number of years, Farm Bureau members have identified the need for affordable, reliable and accessible telephone and internet data communications. Our policy position is as follows: "We support the maintenance and continuation of a strong rural electrification, high speed internet and telephone program." Modern farms and many small businesses need affordable high speed wireless voice and data services. It is no longer a luxury item. In order to capture additional income and maintain viable rural communities, reliable wireless voice and data services are imperative.

It is our understanding that the pending merger of AT&T and T-Mobile would expand access to rural underserved communities and increase the quality of service and competition throughout North Carolina and the nation. Given the opportunities and impact this service would provide our farmers and rural citizens, North Carolina Farm Bureau supports the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry B. Wooten". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry B. Wooten  
President

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We keep North Carolina growing!*