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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>TH</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you review the proposal for AT&T to purchase T-Mobile, I hope you will note the benefits this merger will have on all segments of the population. I represent a community that is 70 percent African American. The AT&T/T-Mobile merger will have a positive impact on the quality of life and economic improvement for African Americans.

Many African Americans no longer use traditional, wired telephones. Mobile phones are more popular for making calls and for accessing the Internet. This service is widespread and heavily used – but not yet available in all areas of the nation. One of the main reasons we support this merger is because it will expand the accessibility of advanced wireless technology, bringing with it improved service and innovation.

Compared to the entire population, African Americans are more likely to use their mobile phones to connect to the Internet. This merger means expanded access to wireless broadband technology, the result being more people will be able to use their devices to access information about new job opportunities, online learning programs, medical care and public services. This will improve quality of life for all citizens.

AT&T is a good company with a track record of diversity in its hiring and employment practices. It has demonstrated its commitment to providing good service and is now prepared to take it to the next level. We urge you to grant your approval consent to this merger.

Sincerely,

Myra L. Taylor  
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Cc:  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Senator Bill Nelson  
Senator Marco Rubio  
The Honorable Frederica Wilson