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

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners,

In order to help us better improve our county, the Webster County Development Council requests that you quickly and responsibly review the AT&T/T-Mobile merger and come to the conclusion that it will be good for Mississippi.

The WCDC serves as the community and economic development organization for Webster County. More than any other organization, we are aware of what this county really needs in order to grow economically and mature professionally. This merger is bound to increase investments, boost employment, and enhance our economic prospect for the future.

By increasing their wireless broadband network to nearly every corner of the nation, AT&T will be harvesting communities that are more attractive to future investors or entrepreneurs. Businesses will be much more likely to start-up in Webster County if they know that we have fast, reliable, wireless service. Furthermore, our existing small and large businesses will be able to benefit from all of the developments that mobile broadband could provide.

This merger will, at the very least, bring new opportunities to Webster County. Without this merger, we suffer the possibility that our economy will plateau or eventually dip below a sustainable figure. Please pass this merger, for the residents of Webster County, Mississippi.

Thank you,

Cynthia Wilson  
Executive Director  
Webster County Economic Development Council



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Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Bellevue Chamber of Commerce supports the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile and urges you to approve it. Bellevue, WA is home to the T-Mobile headquarters and our business community and entire region have benefited greatly from their local presence. However, given the various network capacity challenges faced by consumers we feel it is in the best interest of telecom users in our community and across the nation for AT&T and T-Mobile to be merged into one company.

The Pacific Northwest has long been a leader in innovative technology and the telecommunications industry has played an important role here as we benefit from the presence of both AT&T and T-Mobile. These two companies now have a unique opportunity to combine their resources in a way that will continue to enhance innovation, grow jobs, and benefit consumers.

As a result of combining the two networks, individual and business customers will see service improvements through increased cell tower density resulting in improved call quality. AT&T has committed \$8 billion in incremental infrastructure improvements, which will enable faster growth of the high-tech industry in our region and across the nation and create more jobs. Additionally, AT&T has indicated it will migrate the T-Mobile network to LTE technology and offer this broadband technology to 97.3% of consumers in the United States.

The AT&T and T-Mobile merger will have important positive outcomes for both the Bellevue business community and benefit telecommunications users throughout our country. We appreciate your consideration of this merger and again urge your support.

Sincerely,

Betty Nokes  
President & CEO  
Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Earl Overstreet  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
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July 26, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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*RE: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations: (WT Proceeding – No. 11-65).*

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The County of St. Clair, Michigan consists of 23 townships, seven cities including Port Huron, and two villages located at the nexus of the nation's third largest international border crossing where more than \$40 billion in trade flows between the U.S. and Canada every year. The County's mission is to develop the Blue Water Region into a prosperous, sustainable economic environment through the united effort and commitment of the private, public, and non-profit sectors.

The County understands that while the global marketplace continues to evolve and technology continues to change how we do business, one thing is certain: no tool is more fundamental to global economic success than broadband access.

The Internet is the primary means of tracking national and international markets. It is also our local businesses' gateway to becoming competitive in these markets. To this point, the speed and reliability of our community's broadband is a direct determinant of our businesses' success in the global marketplace. Without consistent mobile coverage and cutting-edge speeds for downloading information, our local businesses will struggle to keep up with competitors in better-connected areas.

On behalf of the County of St. Clair, Michigan, I write in support of the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA. If approved, the merger would allow for more efficient use of spectrum capacity and facilitate private-sector investment in infrastructure that would expand the reach of broadband services. The merger will also benefit Michigan's economy by freeing up

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network capacity for use by businesses and consumers, and by providing billions in new infrastructure investments that will create good paying jobs in the telecommunications industry.

AT&T and T-Mobile's merger will, we believe, support our competitiveness in the global marketplace. Their LTE system will offer improved network capacity, and access to real-time information for customers. We urge your support of this merger and would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey L. Bohm, Chairperson  
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners



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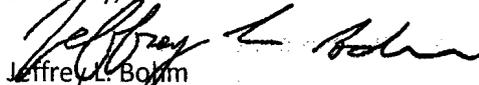
Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

On behalf of the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express our support for the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA (Deutsche Telekom AG). This merger is expected to extend AT&T's 4G LTE network, including deploying broadband to smaller, rural communities.

The expanded broadband networks and coverage will benefit both consumers and businesses in our community. In addition, the compatibility of the AT&T and T-Mobile network technologies means they can be integrated with little effort and minimal disruption for the consumer.

The St. Clair County Board of Commissioners has made economic development in our community as a priority for the coming years. This merger is expected to improve the network capacity and quality of service for both consumers and businesses, which would make our community more attractive to investors and employers. The benefits of this merger to St. Clair County and to the State of Michigan are substantial and the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners is in full support.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey L. Bohm

Chairperson

CC: Board of Commissioners



## City of Little Rock

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445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Please accept this letter as my statement of support for AT&T's proposal to acquire T-Mobile USA.

As a member of a small-business family and an elected member of the Board of Directors for the City of Little Rock, AR, I am keenly aware that, in today's technology-based economy, one of the most important factors for economic growth is broadband. The AT&T plan will offer 4G LTE broadband access to more than 97 percent of the people throughout the country, including many in my city and state.

The National Broadband Plan states, "Like electricity a century ago, broadband is a foundation for economic growth, job creation, global competitiveness and a better way of life." I agree with that statement, as I'm sure you do. A recent report from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that 35 percent of Arkansans already rely exclusively on mobile service. For them, mobile broadband is the only route to that better way of life.

Central Arkansas is home to a number of technology-based companies, several colleges and universities, and the state's largest concentration of major healthcare facilities. Of the state's 2.9 million inhabitants, nearly 900,000 live in the Combined Statistical Area that is anchored by metropolitan Little Rock. Access to reliable, high-quality services such as mobile broadband is essential to commerce, education and daily life in our community. We need 4G LTE service, and AT&T has an excellent plan to deliver it.

Technology investments also stimulate the economy, and few companies invest more dramatically than AT&T. From 2008-2010, the company invested more than \$500 million in its Arkansas mobile and landline networks. The Progressive Policy Institute estimates that AT&T invested \$19.5 billion in capital spending nationwide in 2010. With the acquisition of T-Mobile, AT&T expects to spend additional billions on its networks. The company's investments help create new jobs throughout our regional economy, and that is another important reason to support it.

Thank you for considering my views, and for your ongoing service to our nation. Please help my city, my state, and our nation by voting for the AT&T plan to acquire T-Mobile USA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.J. Wyrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

B.J. Wyrick  
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Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
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**WT 11-65: In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am the State Senator serving the 7<sup>th</sup> District in Northeast Washington. It is an area of the state that has been hard hit by the current economic recession. Many communities in Northeast Washington are plagued by inferior, unreliable wireless service. I mention this because access to enhanced, high-speed broadband is a vital tool for business growth, and lack of access can slow economic growth and keep people and small businesses from the resources that can help them succeed in the quickly changing global marketplace.

The proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger, referenced above, would change this for our area and for similarly affected rural areas across the country. The result of this merger will expand and enhance the existing network infrastructure, which will make high-speed access available to virtually every corner of the country. The impact of this merger would be immense and positive, especially when it comes to economic development.

Businesses can use reliable, cutting-edge communications technologies to grow by expanding their online presence and offering Internet sales and customer support to markets around the globe. This technology will give them access to educational resources that can help them manage, hire, invest, and expand efficiently and effectively. And if all businesses and people in our area have access to high-speed broadband, we can improve our outreach efforts and more effectively serve our business community by offering more online resources and networking opportunities.

It's thrilling to imagine the vast impact that increased access to this technology would have on our local economy and on economies and businesses across the country. The possibilities truly are endless, and the outcome of this merger could be the key to our nation's economic recovery. I hope you will keep this in mind while making your decision, and thank you for the opportunity to share my views.

Cordially yours,

*Bob Morton*

BOB MORTON  
Washington State Senator

cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski ✓  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
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ROBERT J. BARHAM  
SECRETARY

July 21, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Enforcement agents and researchers for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have a need to access data from the most rural Louisiana areas including coastal marsh lands, especially during disasters such as spillway flooding events. It is likely that a merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will make this access possible.

AT&T estimates that it will be able to cover an additional *one million square miles* in the years following the merger, thanks in part to an additional \$8 billion investment in wireless infrastructure. Undoubtedly this will cover most, if not all, of these rural areas, and strengthen competition in the telecommunications industry.

This will add untold worth to our operations, enabling real-time video interaction between several of our teams at once—relaying critical data while moving in a vehicle or aircraft—which could help us contain such emergencies before they become unmanageable. And there's no telling how advanced these platforms could become down the road.

The LDWF strives to innovate in our field, and we have found that doing so can take considerable resources that are all too often not in the state budget. So we can appreciate these two companies' need to pool resources in order to accomplish their goal of near-universal coverage. We hope that, after careful analysis, the Commission finds sufficient reason to authorize this merger. In any case, we appreciate your hard work on this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert J. Barham in black ink.

Robert J. Barham  
Secretary

c: Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn



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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Genachowski:

The best way to build a successful future is to make sure that we have a strong infrastructure in place that allows individuals, businesses and community organizations to work together to address the challenges of growth while preserving our natural environment.

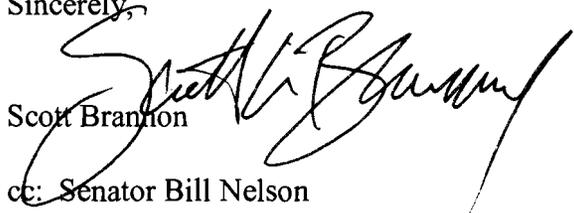
As a businessman and an elected official, I believe it is critically important to promote the development of strong telecommunication networks that make it possible for communities to retain and attract businesses, promote sustainable development and improve the quality of life enjoyed by residents. High-speed broadband networks promote economic development, help communities deliver services more efficiently, and provide citizens with new and innovative ways to address public concerns about health care, education, and the environment.

As you know, the Federal Communications Commission is reviewing a proposal that would enable AT&T to merge with T-Mobile USA. If approved, the merger would bring the companies together and make it possible for them to invest \$8 billion on improvements, updates and additions to the existing telecommunications infrastructure. As a result of the merger, our telecommunications infrastructure will be stronger, more efficient, and better prepared to meet the challenges of increasing consumer demand for wireless data.

It is estimated that the AT&T/T-Mobile merger will create between 55,000 and 96,000 jobs in the telecommunications sector and expand access to AT&T's next generation broadband network to an additional 55 million Americans. This is an important step forward for the economy and a great opportunity to leverage private sector capital to build a telecommunications infrastructure that is equal to the political, social and environmental challenges facing America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I urge you to work with members of the commission to approve the merger. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

  
Scott Brannon

cc: Senator Bill Nelson  
Senator Marco Rubio  
The Honorable Steve Southerland



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**State of Louisiana**  
**Governor's Office of Homeland Security**  
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PAT SANTOS  
INTERIM DIRECTOR

July 25, 2011

Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
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Re: AT&T's proposed merger with T-Mobile, under review in the 11-65 Docket

Dear Commissioners:

As Interim Director for the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, I can verify that few capabilities are more critical to successful disaster response than effective communications. When an emergency occurs, response professionals must be able to contact one another quickly in order to coordinate a swift, effective response mission.

With communications today evolving from traditional wire line and land line devices to mobile ones as the primary means of communication, the strength of response workers' mobile network is particularly important. For this reason, I support the merger proposed by T-Mobile and AT&T.

This merger is positioned to make its modern 4G LTE network available to more than 97 percent of all Americans, emergency response and disaster management personnel among them. It also promises to provide more reliable coverage and updated voice and data services, ensuring the power of better texting, email and voice capabilities.

I respectfully urge you to approve the transaction that T-Mobile and AT&T have proposed. Its benefits could strengthen emergency preparedness and response efforts throughout Louisiana and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Pat Santos  
Interim Director

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Cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
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***RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).***

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write to encourage the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile for reason extremely vital for the advancement of African Americans. There is a strong connection between economic development and the education of our young citizens. Obtaining a high level of education opens up new possibilities for economic opportunities. Unfortunately, African Americans are a traditionally disadvantaged group in both of these arenas. It is important to find ways to support the goals of African Americans.

Many studies have found a link between internet, including mobile broadband access, and higher rates of economic and educational success; this is particularly the case in the African American community. A University of California At Santa Cruz survey found that nearly half of high school graduates who had internet access at home went to college. But for those students without, only 25 percent attended college. There are two other characteristics specific to the African American community that make access to wireless technology even more important. African Americans are more likely than Whites to research for school or training and are also more likely to access the internet through their mobile devices. This augments the need for widespread mobile broadband in the African American community.

Claflin University is a higher education institution committed to providing students access to life-changing educational opportunities and character development. We have created educational program that provide students with expanded avenues for professional development and personal fulfillment. We believe strongly in access to mobile broadband to help our students advance their education as far as possible. This technology is necessary to communicate, do research, and develop professional skills. A well rounded student knows how to speak, write, and use technology in an effective way. It is, therefore, very important that our students have access to the latest wireless network.

As a nation, we have the opportunity to expand mobile broadband to reach more than ninety-seven percent of Americans. This could be facilitated if you allow the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile to take place. I respectfully request your support of the merger.

Sincerely,

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Henry N. Tisdale  
President

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