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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room 8-C445
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Attorney General Holder and Chairman Genachowski:

I urge that the Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission expeditiously review and approve the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. Once approved, this merger will allow AT&T to significantly expand and strengthen its broadband network, better serving constituents in Northern California and nationwide.

In order to maintain our nation's long term economic growth, it is essential that we bring 21st century wireless infrastructure into areas not currently being served, and to strengthen pre-existing networks to allow consumers faster download speeds and fewer dropped calls. This merger will allow AT&T to bring high-speed mobile service to over 97 percent of the US population, including expanded areas within my district.

In addition, because of the lack of available wireless spectrum needed for the latest technology demanded by consumers, carriers like AT&T are currently facing a "spectrum crunch." This crunch stems from the exponential growth of data demanded by users owning smartphones and similar devices. If approved, this merger would bring the added benefit of increasing the spectrum available to AT&T, allowing them to expand its latest-generation 4G broadband network.

Many communities in my district clearly gain expanded and improved service under this merger. It is my strong hope however, that if and when this merger is approved, AT&T will remain committed to continued critical infrastructure investments in the remaining rural communities who do not yet enjoy access to their services.

Again, I urge that you and your staffs approve this important merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. Thank you in advance for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me or Tim Daly on my staff at 202-226-7367 should you have any further questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Mike Thompson

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

CC: FCC Commissioners





FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

August 3, 2011

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Mike Thompson
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Thompson:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

I can assure you that the Commission is undertaking a thorough, rigorous, and fact-based review of the proposed transaction, consistent with our statutory obligations under the Communications Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance with this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot at the end.

Julius Genachowski