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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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:

America is looking for clear signs that the recession is finally behind us. Unemployment remains stubbornly high, small businesses are struggling to get access to commercial loans and government spending is spiraling out of control. As your commission reviews the filing and public comments on AT&T's merger with T-Mobile USA, I hope you will consider the economic benefits this merger has the capacity to produce.

Advances in wireless communications have been an enormous boon to business, education and local communities. With a high-speed broadband connection, local businesses can open new markets, diversify opportunities and create jobs.

Students in rural schools can tap into online learning to supplement their education. Elderly citizens can connect with specialists at big city teaching hospitals to manage their health. Families in all communities can stay in touch with loved ones via video calls and photo uploads.

Today, though, nearly one-third of Americans are not connected to high-speed broadband. While the federal government reviews costly proposals regarding universal broadband, the private sector is poised to bring new connectivity to all areas of the country. AT&T is committed to investing its private capital to bringing high-speed broadband to more than 97% of the population, at no cost to taxpayers.

As you scrutinize the challenges and benefits of the AT&T and T-Mobile merger, I hope you will strongly consider how investment and job creation will impact economic development.

I trust you and the Commission will weigh the facts carefully, and I hope you ultimately consent to this important transaction.

Respectfully,
Representative Michelle Ugenti
Arizona 8th District

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michelle Ugenti".

CC:
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Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn