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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

I represent House District #52 in the Maine House of Representatives and I live in the small central Maine town of Chelsea. My district also consists of Jefferson, Somerville, Washington and Whitefield. This district consists of over 650 small, medium and large businesses. It supports 22 communities where you know your neighbors.

Interstate 95 is the backbone of Maine's transportation infrastructure. Maine is now trying to build a 'backbone' of high speed infrastructure that can support Maine's small businesses and traditional business sectors such as tourism, recreation and fishing. Industries that don't rely on metro areas for high speed wireless internet service, but need reliable rural service.

Maine can move closer to this needed network through proposals like the one being offered by AT&T and T-Mobile. Their merger would increase the companies' infrastructure investment into wireless networks over the next several years and allow Maine to increase service quality and encourage competition while creating a high speed infrastructure that meet the needs of Maine and its people.

Other benefits of access to high-speed mobile broadband for Maine, because of its unique rural culture, would be improved distance learning programs and opportunities for Maine to continue innovative health care technologies.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend you approve the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile in order for small towns like Chelsea, Maine to reap the benefits of wireless technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Sanderson". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Representative Deborah J. Sanderson
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