



TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House Democratic Caucus

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

WT Docket No. 12-301

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We are aware that the Federal Communications Commission is reviewing the proposed merger between T-Mobile USA and MetroPCS.

T-Mobile is a major employer in Tennessee. T-Mobile operates a call center, employing about 350 workers, and several retail stores here. T-Mobile employees' wages and purchases generate more than \$32 million in economic activity throughout the state and contribute significant tax revenues to support critical public services. As Tennessee recovers from the recent recession, we cannot afford to lose these jobs.

We have learned that MetroPCS outsources all its call centers, some located overseas. T-Mobile recently closed seven U.S. call centers and displaced 3,300 employees, while contracting with offshore call centers to perform similar work. T-Mobile and MetroPCS have announced anticipated \$6-7 billion in merger-related savings, including customer support.

These facts raise concerns about the employment future of T-Mobile workers in our state. Our state cannot afford a merged T-Mobile/MetroPCS which closes its call center and retail stores here and transfers the work to MetroPCS' call center vendor or to one of T-Mobile's overseas operations.

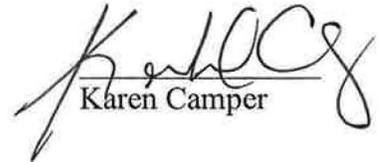
T-Mobile's CEO describes this merger as a growth and opportunity story. Workers in our state can help the company use this merger to improve the customer experience, build for growth and create jobs in this country. We look to your agency to ensure that the proposed merger provides opportunity for growth for the workers of T-Mobile as well as for the shareholders and executives.



TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House Democratic Caucus

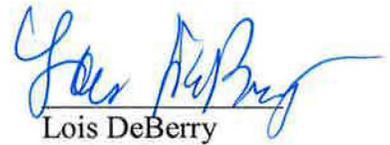
Joe Armstrong


Karen Camper


Barbara Cooper


Charles Curtiss

John J. DeBerry, Jr.


Lois DeBerry


Joanne Favors

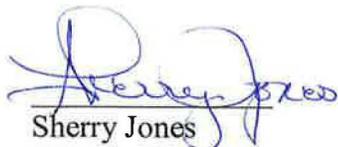

Craig Fitzhugh

Brenda Gilmore

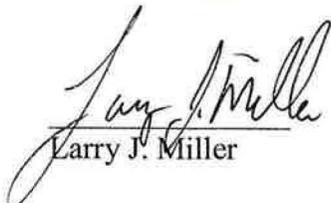
G.A. Hardaway

Darren Jernigan


Gloria Johnson


Sherry Jones


Harold M. Love, Jr.


Larry J. Miller


Bo Mitchell



TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House Democratic Caucus

Gary Odom

Joe Pitts

Johnny Shaw

Mike Stewart

Joe Towns

Mike Turner

Antonio Parkinson

Jason Powell

David Shepard

John Tidwell

Johnnie Turner

John Mark Windle