



TEXAS LEGISLATIVE RURAL CAUCUS

September 9, 2014

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

RE: Pending AT&T/DirecTV Merger

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that AT&T and DirecTV have filed applications seeking Commission approval to transfer control of the licenses and authorizations held by DirecTV and its wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries to AT&T. I respectfully request consideration of this letter to serve in support of their application.

The merger of these two entities would have a direct positive impact on consumers across Texas. According to the 2010 Census, Texas remains the top state for rural population. In a state of over 268,581 square miles, it has been incredibly difficult to provide broadband access to individuals in rural areas. As the nation has become more and more dependent on the internet, many homes and small businesses across Texas still do not have reliable or affordable broadband access. The merger of AT&T and DirecTV will build and enhance high-speed broadband service to 15 million customer locations, primarily in rural areas.

The approval of the AT&T/DirecTV Merger by the Commission would provide consumer and economic benefits to the citizens across Texas. Thank you for your consideration of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles 'Doc' Anderson".

Charles "Doc" Anderson
State Representative
Texas Legislative Rural Caucus

