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Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

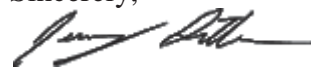
Dear Chairman Wheeler:

It is my pleasure to write in strong support of the proposed merger of AT&T and Direct TV. Based on the information provided to me and my office, I am confident this merger will vastly improve broadband services to underserved rural areas of our state and nation. Being largely a rural state, we have found it challenging to reach more remote areas and provide our citizens with the necessary access to connectivity. I believe the merger of these two established companies will allow us to reach more of our citizens and greatly improve their quality and life.

The Arkansas legislature has worked tirelessly to expand broadband services to every citizen no matter their location. However, the efforts have been hampered by geography, demographics prohibitive costs. Unfortunately our labors have fallen short of expectations. It is my understanding and sincere hope that this merger will allow us to bridge the broadband gap in our state and provide our citizens with services they desperately deserve, at a reasonable and competitive rate.

The broadband infrastructure of our state is vital to our future and economic stability. By expanding broadband services to a larger population, we can insure that our citizens are receiving the necessary tools to remain relevant and viable in the 21st century.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Gillam
Speaker-elect
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