

September 16, 2014

The Honorable Thomas Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelve Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and DIRECTV to Transfer Control of FCC Licenses and Other Authorizations. MB Docket No. 14-90*

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am pleased to be writing today to offer my support of the proposed merger of AT&T and DIRECTV.

For years, AT&T has been a great corporate citizen in Maryland. In our state alone, they employ over 1,700 people in Maryland, and generate over \$100 million a year in state taxes and revenues. Their employees invest both professional and personal time and money in service and giving programs and have helped to grow numerous educational and community outreach programs.

AT&T has consistently worked with government leaders and policymakers as a partner to address many issues of importance to Maryland, including their commitment to expanding coverage in our rural areas. It is my understanding that the proposed expansion with DIRECTV could assist significantly in increasing these expansion efforts. Over 250,000 Maryland residents in rural areas could have access to increased connectivity as a result of the merger. Many of us have heard from our constituents on this issue as they currently have either limited or no access to broadband and this increased access could make a critical difference in their lives.

Finally, as a major employer in Maryland, AT&T has continued a reputation as offering a welcoming and supportive workplace to their employees. This has included support of the ability of employees to unionize and make their own choices about their representation and bargaining abilities.

I believe the proposed merger of AT&T and DIRECTV will both expand and improve coverage in our state and for all of the reasons above, I am very comfortable offering my support of this proposal.

Very Truly Yours,

Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.\