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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I believe that the AT&T/T-Mobile merger is good for consumers, good for the economy and good for workers and their families, and we hope you will ultimately approve the deal.

This merger will be good for consumers because it will give tens of millions access to the latest in wireless broadband service, something they would not have otherwise. In the last few years, smartphones have changed the way many live and work, driving demand for wireless Internet access. Where once the digital divide was between those who used computers and those who didn't, today it is between those who have broadband access and those who don't. This merger will significantly bridge that gap.

As a result of this merger, more of the country will have access to AT&T's 4G network, giving more people the opportunity to harness the latest broadband technology. To build out this network, AT&T has said it will invest an additional \$8 billion, a potential driver of job creation.

T-Mobile's workers will also find that AT&T is neutral to collective bargaining, a change from their current employer. Because T-Mobile's parent company does not have plans to invest in its growth for the future, this merger offers these workers the best outcome for good jobs, fair wages and respect in the workplace.

As you scrutinize this deal, we believe that you will see these benefits as well. Please do right by the workers, by consumers and by the American economy and give it your stamp of approval.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Monahan
Business Manager

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker

