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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The proposed merger between CenturyLink and Qwest is an opportunity to bring tremendous benefits to customers and communities across Colorado, which is why I support the combination of these companies and encourage the Federal Communications Commission to review and approve the merger as quickly as possible.

CenturyLink and Qwest will utilize their knowledge and experience to create a stronger company to participate in the increasingly competitive communications marketplace. Additionally, the enhanced financial and operational resources resulting from the merger will enable the combined company to provide Coloradans with more choices, including wider coverage, higher speeds, increased value, and more products and services than neither could offer alone.

Already, 10 state public utility commissions have approved the merger without limitations, and I encourage you not to mandate investment or other operational conditions in your final order. Also, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission have cleared the transaction to proceed after their review did not find any antitrust concerns.

Overall, bringing CenturyLink and Qwest together will significantly benefit the citizens of our state and enhance its economy. Therefore, I encourage the Commission to give an expeditious review of this merger so Coloradoans can look forward to realizing the benefits that this new company will provide.

Sincerely,

Chris Romer
State Senator
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