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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

It is my understanding that CenturyLink and Qwest Communications have filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010, proposing a merger between the two companies. It is also my understanding that both the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission have approved the merger.

The companies contend that upon completion of the transaction, the merged company will become a national, industry-leading communications company which will be able to offer innovative broadband products and services over its advanced networks. Specifically, the companies assert that the merger would create a national 180,000 route mile fiber network, which would enable delivery of a diverse mix of telecommunications offerings nationwide.

I write not to advocate a certain outcome, but rather to ask that the FCC give the matter the prompt attention it deserves. Of course, I do not expect any action to be taken in this matter that would be inconsistent with existing rules and regulations, or that could be construed as inappropriate or unfair. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



JON KYL  
United States Senator

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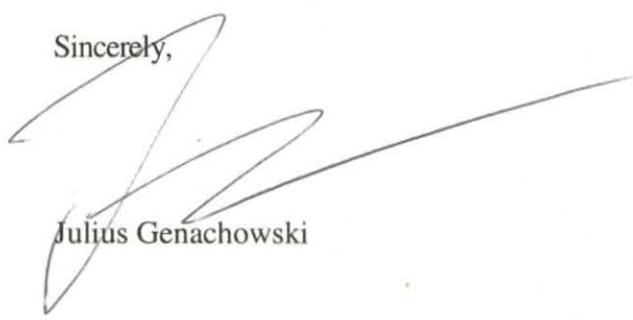
Dear Senator Kyl:

Thank you for your letter urging prompt Commission attention to the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction – investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and promoting economic growth – are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski