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Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***WT 11-65: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations***

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Huron County, MI is truly blessed as a rustic and quiet setting. At the Lake Huron Shoreline, cropland is separated from sandy beaches by deep, cool forests. We have the loveliest countryside and lakeshore imaginable.

This tranquility doesn't mean our residents don't want access to the latest technological advancements, especially when it comes to communications. Visitors to Huron increasingly depend on wireless networks to guide them through their visit; farmers now need instantaneous information to manage their operations and remain competitive; our schools and government utilize information on the Internet to better our future; and our residents look to emerging technology to improve their quality-of-life and economic opportunities.

Yet, we are largely underserved because of our location, which is an unfair disadvantage. We can't afford to fall any further behind in terms of communications innovations, and for this reason, the Huron Development Corporation fully supports the merger requested by AT&T and T-Mobile.

Our reasons are simple. Universal mobile broadband coverage will require great resources to accomplish, and it is unlikely that any one company can handle that objective alone. But because of their complementary service areas and corresponding spectrum positions, AT&T and T-Mobile would come very close to reaching all Americans (97.3%) with their wireless technology if they are allowed to combine.

AT&T's post-merger commitment to invest an additional \$8 billion to build out its 4G network and to add a million more square miles of coverage area than its current plan is too good of a prospect to pass up.

We hope that you will allow this transaction to move forward so that it can help speed up the economic development of rural areas like Huron County.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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