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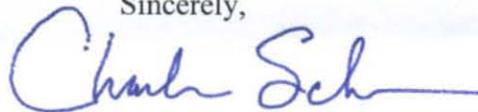
Dear FCC Chairman Genachowski,

Several months ago, I wrote to you to express concern about the pending acquisition of Rochester-based PAETEC Holding Corp. by Arkansas-based Windstream Corporation. In particular, I was concerned about the jobs consequences for Rochester as a result of the merger as well as the continuation of a construction project started by PAETEC to build a new downtown office which is integral to local, state, and federal efforts to revitalize downtown Rochester.

I am happy to report that, since I sent you that letter, the parties have come together and announced an agreement that will maintain a significant number of PAETEC's employees in Monroe County and proceed with the construction of a new downtown office for the combined company. This landmark agreement means that Windstream will be part of Rochester's future, and Rochester will be part of Windstream's – a positive outcome for all involved.

In light of this agreement, I urge you to take swift action on your pending review of the merger. As such, I would appreciate an update from the FCC on its anticipated timeline to approve and conclude this matter. A quick decision will provide much needed certainty to the many groups who have worked hard to make this agreement a reality.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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