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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
United States Senate
560 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hutchison:

Thank you for your letter encouraging prompt Commission review of the spectrum transactions proposed by AT&T/Qualcomm, DISH Network/DBSD/TerreStar, and Verizon/SpectrumCo. I value your views and will ensure that your letter is included in the record for these proceedings.

We are in agreement on the importance of making more spectrum available for mobile broadband, and I appreciate your efforts to give the Commission the authority to conduct voluntary incentive auctions in the recent payroll tax legislation passed by Congress. The Commission approved the AT&T/Qualcomm transaction in December 2011, and the DISH Network, *et al*, transaction in March 2012. Please be assured that the Commission is undertaking a thorough, rigorous, and fact-based review of the proposed Verizon/SpectrumCo transaction, consistent with our statutory obligations under the Communications Act, and will complete its review as expeditiously as possible.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot at the end.

Julius Genachowski