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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
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Re: Applications of AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless, WT Docket No. 09-104

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to approve promptly the purchase by AT&T of wireless systems that Verizon Wireless is required to divest in certain rural areas in connection with its ALLTEL acquisition. The FCC has had nearly one year now to consider this transaction, and there is no basis for delaying any further the realization of the many benefits that will result from this transaction.

I understand that AT&T will invest approximately \$400 million to build out its network in connection with this transaction. Most of this investment, moreover, will occur in rural areas, where access to broadband and other advanced telecommunications technologies has lagged. This substantial investment should create jobs and stimulate the economy, which is especially important in difficult economic times like these.

This transaction also will bring AT&T's service to many new areas. Consumers will benefit from having AT&T as an option when shopping for wireless services and devices. As I understand it, AT&T offers its wireless customers a number of unique features, including access to America's fastest third generation (3G) mobile broadband network with simultaneous voice and data capabilities, rollover minutes, the best selection of smartphones and devices, the most apps, and the best international coverage. Even consumers who choose to subscribe to another wireless carrier will benefit from the competitive pressures that AT&T will bring to bear on the marketplace.

I also understand that the transaction does not pose any threat to competition. The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division has reviewed the approved the transaction.

The benefits of this transaction are clear -- investment, job creation, an improved telecommunications infrastructure for rural America, more choices for consumers, and increased competition.

Respectfully,

Doug Lamborn
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Member of Congress

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