

United States Senate

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
The Honorable Michael Copps
The Honorable Robert McDowell
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
The Honorable Meredith Attwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Applications of AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless, WT Docket No. 09-104

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

We are writing to urge you to promptly rule on 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 over a year to consider this transaction, and there is no basis for further delay.

We understand that AT&T intends to invest approximately \$400 million in connection with this transaction, the majority of that investment in rural areas. This could create jobs and stimulate the economy across rural America, which is crucial in difficult economic times like these.

If approved, this transaction will bring AT&T's service to many new areas. In Wyoming, sixteen counties would be added to AT&T's service area. Consumers in these counties would have access to many of the benefits that AT&T offers, including America's fastest third generation (3G) mobile broadband network with simultaneous voice and data capabilities, rollover minutes, and a wide selection of new smart-phones and devices. Delaying this decision is unfair to consumers in Wyoming who are eager to utilize AT&T's wireless devices and more importantly, AT&T's reliable network.

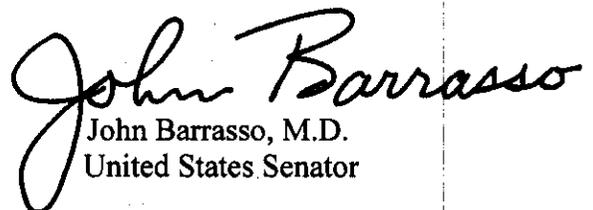
The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division has reviewed and approved the transaction and we understand that the transaction does not pose any threat to competition.

There are numerous important issues at stake with this decision -- investment, job creation, an improved telecommunications infrastructure for rural America, more choices for consumers, and increased competition. We respectfully urge you to take prompt action on this transaction.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Enzi
United States Senator



John Barrasso, M.D.
United States Senator

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