

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing regarding the recent application CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010, for approval of their proposed merger. It has already received approval from the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission.

CenturyLink serves thousands of homes and businesses in North Carolina, directly employs nearly 2,300 North Carolinians, and has an annual payroll of \$160 million. Of course, many other companies support CenturyLink as suppliers, technicians, and customer service representatives.

I request that the FCC give the CenturyLink/Qwest application prompt attention, and that you give this proposed merger full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard Burr
United States Senator

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