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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the Iowa constituents that we represent, we encourage you to expeditiously review and approve the proposed merger of CenturyLink and Owest.

We believe the combination of these two companies will create a stronger company that will bring even greater benefits to their customers and our state by delivering wider coverage, higher speeds, increased value and more products and services than either company would be able to do on their own.

Already, the U.S. Department of Justice has approved the merger as well as public utility commissions in eleven states.

The approval of the proposed merger between CenturyLink and Qwest will benefit the citizens of Iowa as well as enhance its economy. With the Commission's timely approval, we can look forward to realizing the benefits that this combined company will provide.

Sincerely,

Tom Latham

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