

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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January 13, 2011

Hon. Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the Congressman for the Third Congressional District of Colorado, I write to encourage your support of the proposed merger between CenturyLink and Qwest. This merger was approved on December 16<sup>th</sup> by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

The transaction also has received antitrust clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission. In addition, the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have agreed the merger is in the public interest.

Qwest has been a significant employer for the state of Colorado and a consistent presence in our business community. The Qwest Corporation currently provides nearly 8,000 jobs to the people of Colorado with an annual payroll of over \$750 million. Furthermore, in 2009, Qwest, the Qwest Foundation, and Qwest employees contributed more than \$4.3 million to benefit nonprofits in the state.

I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to give a full and fair review of this merger, which stands to benefit the citizens and economy of Colorado.

Sincerely,



Scott Tipton  
Member of Congress

cc: Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell

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