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

Ms. Christine Varney
Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Assistant Attorney General Varney:

I write today regarding the proposed acquisition by AT&T of T-Mobile. As you know, this acquisition would make AT&T the provider to 42% of all wireless subscribers in the United States and would leave only three major carriers servicing the domestic market—73% of which would be controlled by AT&T and Verizon. Although this deal may spark innovation in the wireless industry, I remain concerned that increased concentration will, at the same time, lead to fewer choices, higher prices and reduced service for wireless consumers.

At a time when many Americans are using wireless phones as the sole means of telephone communication, it is vital that competition in the wireless market remain robust. That is why I urge you to take a close, hard look at this proposed acquisition and ensure that consumers are provided with adequate choice in the wireless market.

I know that you share my concerns over competition and consumer choice. I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator