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June 14, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write in support of the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA and urge you to support it. This merger will expand access to broadband services and create jobs for my constituents in the Second Congressional District, throughout the State of Arkansas and across the nation.

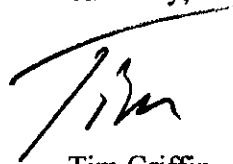
This is a transaction between two private sector job creators who should have the freedom to conduct business transactions free from government intervention unless legally prohibited. Having examined this merger, I see no legal barrier to it proceeding. Further, this merger will greatly benefit Arkansas families and businesses in a number of ways, including:

- **Acquisition of needed spectrum.** AT&T will acquire the spectrum it needs to build out its 4G network in Arkansas and across the United States. This investment will expand broadband access to approximately 55 million Americans in both urban and rural communities.
- **Connecting rural communities.** Expanding broadband services will especially benefit the economies of underserved rural communities. Approximately 40 percent of Arkansans live in rural areas, and this merger would strengthen broadband infrastructure in communities in my district like Perryville, Greenbrier, and Vilonia.
- **Economic growth.** The introduction of 4G broadband services to Arkansas communities will serve as a catalyst for economic development, workforce training, education, and industry.

Chairman Genachowski
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As the American economy continues to evolve, expanding access to the Internet and wireless phone services is essential to private sector job creation and connecting communities and businesses. I am adding my voice to the chorus of state and local leaders in Arkansas that have expressed support for this merger and am including some of their letters for your reference, and I urge you to ensure that the merger receives a fair and expeditious review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Griffin', with a long horizontal stroke above it.

Tim Griffin
Member of Congress



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May 12, 2011

The Honorable Tim Griffin
United States Congressman
1501 North University Avenue, Suite 150
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Dear Congressman Griffin,

There continues to be pressure on the government to "invest" in new jobs through more spending, while at the same time we face unprecedented budget cuts. However, we have an opportunity to create a pro-jobs environment without spending more tax dollars. I hope you will actively support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA, which will help provide the next-generation wireless infrastructure that will make job growth possible in Little Rock, in Arkansas and in the entire country.

By bringing these two companies together, AT&T will be able to provide high-speed wireless broadband service to an additional 55 million Americans – reaching 97 percent of the country. As more and more applications move to the wireless realm, we need this high-speed network in order to provide not only voice calling, but also hundreds of thousands of data applications.

It is hard to be an involved consumer or informed citizen without Internet access. Today on just the home page of Little Rock's web site, residents can get the details on curbside recycling, apply for a new business license, volunteer for a city board or commission, submit an online bid for a city project or learn about their flood insurance options. The Internet provides a wealth of information and connects citizens with city services.

In fact, the edge of the technology curve is where we also will see many startups companies, with entrepreneurs creating new jobs, new competition and new opportunities for American workers, investors and consumers. Just as we could not have forecast the online world of today a few years ago, we cannot imagine what will be around the next corner when virtually all areas of the country have high-speed wireless service. I urge you to support this business acquisition and ensure that all of our citizens will have access to this next generation of wireless data services.

Sincerely,

Mark Stodola
Mayor

CC: Governor Mike Beebe



STATE OF ARKANSAS
Mark A. Darr
Lieutenant Governor

MAY 20 2011

May 9, 2011

The Honorable Tim Griffin
1232 Longworth HOB
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Congressman Griffin,

As you well know, our state and our nation are in perilous economic times. The economic development of Arkansas is always at the forefront of my focus each day.

It is with this in mind that I am writing to urge your support of the proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA by AT&T. This deal will invigorate our state and national economies. With their combined resources, they will be more equipped to provide a better quality of service while rolling out the newest and most advanced networks to all corners of the country.

The combined companies will also significantly build out the most advanced wireless broadband network possible. Not only will this plan do its part to accomplish the National Broadband Plan, it will bring new and exciting opportunities to Arkansas, especially rural Arkansas.

When I started my business, I saw firsthand the effects broadband Internet has on local businesses. Through this technology, I was able to reach out to consumers, engage with suppliers and make my business more efficient. I hope to provide the same opportunities I enjoyed to the entire state of Arkansas. AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile will be a big step forward in bringing the valuable tool of connectivity to all corners of Arkansas and the United States as a whole.

Sincerely,

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Mark A. Darr
Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas



CITY OF BENTON

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David Mattingly
MAYOR

MAY 20 2011

May 9, 2011

The Honorable Tim Griffin
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Dear Congressman Griffin,

On behalf of the citizens of Benton, I want to thank you for your service.

I am writing today to offer my thoughts on an important economic development issue for Benton and the state of Arkansas. As you know, Congressional committees will soon hold hearings to review the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. I believe that this proposed merger would have a number of positive impacts on our state and for consumers that don't have access to traditional broadband services, like cable and DSL, or wireless broadband.

First and foremost, this merger will provide AT&T with a significant amount of spectrum to deploy its 4G mobile broadband services statewide. The current reality is that some consumers, particularly those in rural communities, have limited (or no) options for high-speed internet access. This merger will give them one more choice in receiving this critical service.

Second, an expansion in high-speed mobile broadband services offers enormous potential for our local businesses, medical professionals, and schools to take advantage of new technologies that will allow them to innovate, provide new services, and reach new people in need.

The free-market often serves as one of our country's greatest innovators, and should be allowed to flourish. I hope that you also see the value in this proposed merger and lend your support to this important transaction.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Mattingly

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May 6, 2011

The Honorable Tim Griffin
United States Congressman
United States Congress
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Washington, DC 20515-0402

Dear Congressman Griffin:

First and foremost, thank you for your service to the people of Arkansas. Our country is facing a number of challenges and we are proud to have you representing our state at this critical time. I understand the Senate will soon be holding hearings on the proposed merger between T-Mobile and AT&T, and I want to offer my support in advance of that hearing. This merger offers tremendous potential for consumers and businesses across Arkansas, especially those in rural areas. As we have seen over the last decade, the advent of high-speed internet services has drastically changed the world economy, bringing with it unbridled innovations for consumers, businesses, K-12 and higher education institutions, and healthcare providers. Unfortunately many Americans, and many Arkansans, live in areas still underserved with high-speed internet access. But emerging mobile broadband services can help bridge that digital divide.

Once the merger is approved, AT&T will have the needed spectrum to roll out the next generation of wireless broadband (4G LTE) to approximately 55 million additional Americans in urban areas as well as rural and smaller communities. Mobile broadband is critical because fiber-optic lines aren't always practical or available. In my district, cities like Mayflower, Vilonia, and Greenbrier will have new options for high-speed internet access because of this merger. It is my hope once you have had the opportunity to review the benefits this merger will have for Arkansas, you will join me in giving it your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert Baker".

Gilbert Baker
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May 6, 2011

The Honorable Tim Griffin
United States Congressman
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Dear Congressman Griffin:

Over the past ten to fifteen years, technology has developed at an extraordinarily fast rate. Wireless broadband services, which allow end users high-speed internet access regardless of location, are becoming an important part of the broadband industry. As a result of the recent merger announcement from AT&T and T-Mobile we are sure to see an even greater expansion of mobile broadband services across the United States and Arkansas. If approved by regulators, this merger will pave the way for 97% of Americans to receive Long Term Evolution wireless broadband access, covering nearly all of Arkansas.

Internet access has become vital to the economic growth and development for industry of all sizes. In this global economy, high-speed internet gives businesses the ability to reach partners and customers around the world. Because of the cost of laying fiber optic networks in sparsely populated areas, individuals living or working in rural areas are sometimes forgotten when it comes to establishing this essential infrastructure.

The benefits this merger offers in terms of delivering mobile broadband will give those living or working in rural communities the same wireless broadband opportunities as someone living in the state's largest city. As the Senate begins discussions, I ask you to please keep in mind the positive impact it would have on Arkansans, particularly those living in rural parts of our state, and join me in supporting the merger.

Respectfully,

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Jeremy Hutchinson
State Senator
District 22



STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives

MAY 20 2011

May 13, 2011

**The Honorable Tim Griffin
United States Representative
1232 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515**

Dear Congressman Griffin:

On behalf of the people of Arkansas, I want to thank you for your leadership in Congress.

When I talk to constituents in my legislative district, the economy is usually the first concern they have. I have spent more than two decades working on economic development and workforce training, with a single goal in mind—creating better job opportunities for Arkansans. I know that with improved education and worker training, lower taxes, less government regulation, better highways and the right incentives for industry, Arkansans will see growth in jobs, income and a higher standard of living. And when it comes to the private sector, I believe in the power of the free-market to drive innovation, competition, and growth.

I'm sure you are aware that AT&T and T-Mobile recently announced their intentions to merge. I understand that the Federal Communications Commission, Department of Justice, and Congress will all be reviewing this transaction. I think this merger is a prime example of where we should let the free-market work.

Broadband access is becoming more and more available in Arkansas, however not everyone in our state will have access to high-speed services like cable and DSL. For some areas, it's simply not practical. That is why new cutting edge mobile broadband services are so important for the future.

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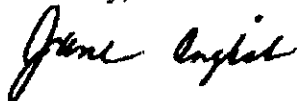
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To that end, this merger will give AT&T the spectrum it needs to roll out its next generation (4G) of mobile broadband to more than 97% of Americans, and nearly all of Arkansas. Introducing mobile high-speed internet services to underserved areas will jumpstart economic development, workforce training, education, and industry in a significant way.

I hope that you will join me in supporting this important merger, and ensuring that this important service makes its way to all Arkansans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane English".

Jane English
State Representative
District 42