

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Eric Holder, Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

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


Dear Attorney General Holder and Chairman Genachowski:

As the committee of jurisdiction for the communications and technology sectors, as well as the Federal Communications Commission, the Energy and Commerce Committee has been closely following the proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA by AT&T, a transaction that could have sweeping impacts on the communications and technology landscape and the larger U.S. economy.

With America's unemployment rate languishing over nine percent and the economy struggling to recover, our Committee has focused its efforts on encouraging job creation and economic growth. We have been actively monitoring the debates surrounding this acquisition to better understand its impacts on jobs, economic growth and competition.

In challenging economic times, we need to be especially thoughtful in our approach to private sector investments and potential job growth as we can ill afford to lose valuable opportunities when they arise. In addition, to the extent that either of your agencies believes that the transaction should be approved subject to certain conditions, such conditions should only impact the parties to the transaction and be narrowly tailored to address any specific harm directly attributable to the transaction.

Sincerely,



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