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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

Like other state legislators around the country, I am acutely aware of the gap between pressing public needs and the revenue required to meet them. The proposed merger of AT&T with T-Mobile, however, represents an all too rare opportunity to help meet public needs with private capital. With that in mind I hope the Commission will approve this merger.

Access to high-performance broadband connections would substantially expand what the public sector can do in the areas of public safety and education. The expansion possibilities are even more powerful when that access is mobile. I am eager for Virginia to receive the benefits of statewide access to 4<sup>th</sup> generation wireless broadband technology as a result of the infrastructure investment AT&T is willing to make.

Advanced wireless broadband would give children in Virginia's small rural schools multimedia access to educational and cultural experiences currently restricted to bigger schools in cities and suburbs. Fourth generation wireless broadband would also dramatically expand the learning possibilities for the growing number of public school students whose families opt for home schooling.

As a legislator, I appreciate the complexity of the review process that lies ahead of you. When that process is complete, I hope you will agree that the public benefits of this merger warrant its approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James M. Shuler".

James M. Shuler

CC:  
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Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
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