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



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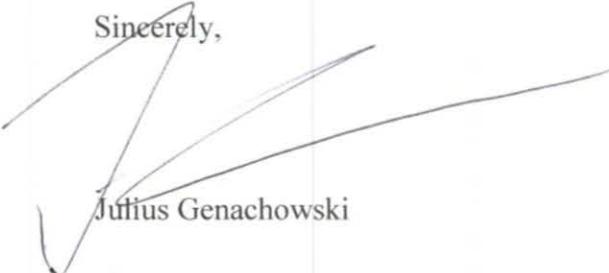
Dear Senator Klobuchar:

Thank you for your letter urging careful review of the proposed acquisition by AT&T of T-Mobile. The parties formally filed their applications for transfer of control of the licenses and authorizations held by T-Mobile USA, Inc. and its wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries from Deutsche Telekom to AT&T on April 21, 2011. The Commission announced its formal pleading cycle on April 28, 2011.

I can assure you that the Commission will be undertaking a thorough and fact-based review of the proposed transaction, and will do so as expeditiously as possible. Commission staff will be examining the record closely over the coming months to meet our statutory obligation of determining whether or not the proposed acquisition is in the public interest.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter and will include your letter in the record. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance with this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski