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Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
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Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW – Lobby Level
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of the Applications of AT&T Inc. and DIRECTV For Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, MB Docket No. 14-90

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

During the past decades, technology companies have disrupted existing industries, and created new services and software applications that have ultimately transformed the digital economy to the benefit of consumers around the globe. The United States, and particularly its technology companies in Silicon Valley and elsewhere, has led that transformation.

When I helped author Mosaic and create Netscape, I knew that the advent of the World Wide Web would transform the lives of billions of people around the world. Since those early successes, innovation has accelerated the evolution of an interconnected digital platform that spans the entire world and serves as the building block upon which innovators everywhere can create their dreams and sell those creations across the globe.

Many of the advancements produced by the technology industry today operate on software delivered as online services. Greater high-speed broadband availability enhances access to these next-generation services and applications, thereby empowering consumers and strengthening our nation's digital economy. In my opinion, the most critical issue that policymakers face today is how to create an environment that will result in the continued level of broadband infrastructure

investment necessary for the United States to maintain its leadership in the area of Internet technology. For innovation to continue, technology companies and consumers must have broadband infrastructure that continues to evolve and deliver the capabilities necessary to support all of the innovation occurring at the edge.

For these reasons, I write today to endorse the proposed merger between AT&T and DirecTV. Unlike other mergers during the past few years, the proposed combination of these unique complementary assets speaks to the enhancement of our nation's broadband infrastructure in the 21st century. Specifically, the companies both assert that combining DIRECTV's video scale with AT&T's broadband infrastructure will result in better economics to deploy both broadband and video to a larger portion of the country. The merger will result in a much broader, rural wireless footprint utilizing a new fixed wireless technology, as well as deeper fiber penetration which will produce more broadband infrastructure capable of supporting the 1 GB networks of tomorrow.

The types of investments enabled by this merger are the types of significant broadband infrastructure investments I referenced earlier as critical for the United States to continue to lead the world in Internet technology. For those reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to approve the transaction quickly.

Regards,

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