Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

WT Docket No. 12-301

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We are writing regarding the proposed merger between T-Mobile USA and MetroPCS Communications, Inc. currently being reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Specifically, we ask you to include a commitment to preserving U.S. jobs in your decision regarding the merger.

T-Mobile and MetroPCS both characterize this merger as one that will lead to additional growth and better options for Americans. We trust that the Commission will evaluate all aspects of the transaction to ensure that it is beneficial not only for the two corporations but also for the U.S. workers at these companies.

We are concerned that T-Mobile and MetroPCS have announced as part of the proposed merger $6-7 billion in post-merger "efficiencies" and "transaction-specific savings." Experience has shown that companies often achieve these savings through job cuts and employee lay-offs. We cannot support another consolidation of two companies that leads to a reduction of American jobs. This is particularly true as we continue to see evidence of an economic recovery, albeit a vulnerable one.

We are aware that MetroPCS outsources its entire customer service operation, and a number of its vendor call centers are located in the Philippines and Central America. We are also aware that T-Mobile recently closed seven U.S. call centers, displacing 3,300 employees. We do not want the merger to lead to a reduction of American jobs and an expansion of offshore facilities.

Given these facts, should the FCC approve the merger, we urge you to consider requiring the companies to commit to preserving U.S. jobs as part of their merger agreement. We

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appreciate the Commission's long-standing goal of job creation, and we urge you to seek enforceable commitments to protect and grow U.S. jobs as you evaluate this transaction.

Sincerely,

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