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COMPTEL Comments on Letter from Rep. Chabot
Urging Careful Review of AT&T/T-Mobile Merger Impact

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today Rep. Steve Chabot (R-Ohio) sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski urging the Department of Justice and FCC to carefully consider the impact of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

Commenting on the letter, COMPTEL CEO Jerry James said:

“We thank Congressman Chabot for his thoughtful letter to the DOJ and FCC regarding the proposed ATT/T-Mobile merger. It is imperative that these agencies ask the tough questions about the true impact of this significant consolidation.

Regional and rural wireless carriers, as well as the independent backhaul providers to these carriers, provide innovation, choice and competitive pricing for businesses and consumers across the nation. In any merger review, we expect there will be a careful examination of the facts, not promises.”

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