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COMPTEL Applauds Department of Justice
Action to Block AT&T/T-Mobile Merger

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive
communications industry, commended the U.S. Department of Justice for its decision to sue to
block the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

The following statement can be attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTEL:

"COMPTEL is thankful the Department of Justice recognized the substantially
negative impact this merger would have on competition and has taken the
appropriate action of filing an antitrust lawsuit to block AT&T’s acquisition of T-
Mobile.

As we have said since the merger was announced, this consolidation would have
a significant negative impact on competition in both the wireless and wireline
industries. The Department of Justice has made the right move to support
competition in all facets of the communications industry, safeguard consumers
and protect jobs."

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About COMPTEL
Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications
service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological
innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and
deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTEL advances its members’ interests through
trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and
the courts. COMPTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices,
better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.