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COMPTEL Comments on Letter to President Obama from Members of House Seeking Support of AT&T/T-Mobile Merger

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, issued a statement following the release of a letter signed by 100 Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives to President Obama, seeking his support of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

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

“It is unfortunate that this letter, and other similar ones, seek to second-guess the decision of the U.S. Department of Justice to file suit to enjoin the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

Upon examining the facts of AT&T’s proposed acquisition of T-Mobile, the Department of Justice, seven attorneys general and several industry stakeholders had clear concerns that the combination of these two companies would substantially lessen competition and have a measurable negative impact on consumers across the country. This matter is now before the federal court and the FCC, and should be decided on solely the legal merits, without political pressure.”

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