

4 Competition Coalition Statement on Chairman Pai's Recommendation:

The conditions being proposed today are wholly insufficient to protect consumers against the clear competitive harms this market-consolidating merger would bring. They do nothing to alleviate the reduction in choice for hundreds of millions of wireless users. They do nothing to ameliorate the anticompetitive effects that come from eliminating the industry's most active wholesale competitor, harms that would befall rural Americans in particular. And they do nothing to patch the obvious loopholes in T-Mobile's pricing pledge. Our diverse alliance of consumer groups, telecom companies, labor unions and more calls on the Department of Justice and states attorneys general to do their jobs and protect consumers from a merger that will clearly damage the wireless marketplace and leave Americans worse off.