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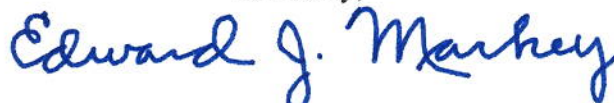
Dear Chairmen Thune, Wicker and Ranking Members Nelson and Schatz:

I write to respectfully request that the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee hold a hearing on the video and media marketplace in light of the proposed AT&T - Time Warner Inc. acquisition.

The American video and media market serves as an essential platform for entertainment, education, and news. While this market has rapidly evolved over the past decade, its market principles remain the same: competition and consumer choice is key. Competition and consumer choice creates a vibrant video and media market where minority, diverse, and independent programmers reach America's living rooms and competing services can provide all the content Americans enjoy watching.

Recent consolidation in the video and media market could have potentially dramatic and lasting impacts on consumer choice and competition. As the Committee with jurisdiction over the media and video industry, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Technology Committee should carefully review the state of the video and media market and assess the impact of recent and proposed consolidation on consumers, competition, and innovation.

Sincerely,



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