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Attorney General DeWine Announces that Ohio has Joined Other States in Opposition to AT&T/T-Mobile Merger

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(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced today that Ohio has joined six other states in support of the U.S. Department of Justice effort to oppose the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. Joining with Ohio in today's action in a Washington D.C. federal court are California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington.

"In a merger this large, the potential results could be detrimental to consumers," said Attorney General DeWine. "The proposed transaction threatens to substantially lessen competition for mobile wireless providers across the United States, resulting in poorer quality services, fewer consumer choices and ultimately, higher prices."

Earlier this year, AT&T announced plans to buy T-Mobile USA from Deutsche Telekom for $39 billion in cash and stock. The merger would make AT&T the largest wireless carrier in the country and leave only Verizon and the much smaller Sprint-Nextel as major competitors.

The U.S. Department of Justice filed the original complaint at the end of August and amended the complaint today to include the named states.

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