

## Resolution

### Supporting Unionized Companies by Urging City and State Governments to Switch Cellular Service to Responsible Providers

WHEREAS, it is imperative that state and local governments patronize companies that adhere to the highest standards of corporate citizenship;

WHEREAS, state and municipal governments around the country are significant institutional customers and have both the ability and responsibility to choose to do business with companies that respect workers' rights;

WHEREAS, the only union wireless vendor is AT&T Mobility, formerly Cingular Wireless;

WHEREAS, other major wireless competitors especially Verizon Wireless have constantly opposed collective bargaining for their employees; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunications industry is one of the most visible and dynamic industries in the world, and the more attention we can bring to the success story of AT&T, the better;

WHEREAS, it would be a tremendous boost for our members and their families if state governments make it a priority to do business with companies like AT&T that treat its workers fairly and with dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the Metro Washington Council, AFL-CIO fully commit to:

1. Switch cellular service for professional and personal use to AT&T Mobility to support a union company and its workers and also save money through an 18 percent discount for unions and union employees and their families;
2. Reach out to city and state government officials to encourage them to switch governmental contracts for cellular service to AT&T Mobility; and
3. Inform our membership about this campaign and encourage them to switch cell phone service and advise them of the 10 percent discount available to union members at AT&T Mobility through Union Privilege.
4. Bring this resolution to the next Convention of the Maryland/DC State AFL-CIO for consideration and action.

APPROVED BY THE DELEGATES OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

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