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Michael D. Gallagher joined the National Telecommunications and Information Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce on November 2, 2001. Prior to his appointment to the Department of Commerce, Mr. Gallagher was vice president for state public policy at Verizon Wireless in Bellevue, Washington. Verizon Wireless, the nation's largest wireless carrier, was formed by the merger of Bell Atlantic Mobile, AirTouch Communications, GTE Wireless, and Primeco. From 1998 to 2000, he was managing director for government relations at AirTouch Communications, Inc. in Bellevue, Washington.

Mr. Gallagher served as administrative assistant to Congressman Rick White (R-Washington) from 1995 to 1997. Subsequently he established a government relations practice at Perkins, Coie, LLP, the largest law firm in the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Gallagher received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles. He is a member of the Washington State Bar.