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William Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
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Dear Mr. Kennard,

I urge you to do all you can to block the merger of SBC/PacBell with Ameritech.

This merger will create a huge monopoly over up to 40% of the nation's local phone lines. Monopoly control leads to higher prices for consumers like me. I am also concerned that it will lead to poor service.

Please say NO to this merger and YES to real competition.

Sincerely,

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