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The Honorable William E. Kennard
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to express my continuing interest in the proposed merger of SBC Communications and Ameritech. Since the proposed merger was first announced, and the merger application subsequently filed with the Commission in July, I have noted the announcement of several other proposed mergers in the communications industry. In all fairness, Mr. Chairman, I would encourage you to consider these proposed mergers based on their individuals merits.

For instance, SBC and Ameritech have strongly indicated their desire to enter more than two dozen major markets outside their traditional territories to complete for both residential and business customers. This is the type of competition that we envisioned with the passage of the Telecommunications Act and which I believe we should continue to encourage and promote. Additionally, customers - especially major business customers in my state – have international markets that require a communications company that can serve them on a worldwide basis. A combined SBC-Ameritech would have the capability to fill this need and be a significant competitor in the vast and growing international communications marketplace.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would point out that any discussion on mergers should include a discussion on jobs and growth. The SBC-Ameritech merger is one of the few that enjoys widespread support from labor. Since acquiring Pacfic Telesis, SBC has added more than 2,000 net new jobs in California and the company promises similar job growth in the Midwest with the purchase of Ameritech.

Your thoughtful and expeditious consideration of the proposed SBC-Ameritech merger is genuinely appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with additional information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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