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The Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Portals II
445 Twelfth St., SW, Rm. 8B201
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Kennard:

The Kansas AFL-CIO, along with its affiliated CWA Local Unions, strongly supports the pending merger of Southwestern Bell Corporation and Ameritech.

There has been no industry in this country that has fundamentally and technologically changed as much as the telecommunication industry. We believe this merger is a response to these changes and will be a benefit to their consumers. This merger will provide a strong financial base for this new company to make capital expenditures in the future.

We also believe this merger will allow for job expansion in the telecommunication industry. These are good jobs and pay the type of wages that workers need to provide for the basic needs of their families.

The Kansas AFL-CIO believes this merger will be a win for everyone concerned. It will be good for the companies, their workers and consumers. We strongly urge you to support the merger of SBC and Ameritech.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Wayne Maichel

Wayne Maichel
Executive Vice President

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