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April 15, 1999

Chairman William Kennard
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

CC DKT. No. 98-14.1

Dear Chairman Kennard:

Ameritech has been a longtime partner and a friend of local economic growth and prosperity throughout Wisconsin.

It is our understanding that Ameritech's proposed new partner, SBC Communications, Inc., shares Ameritech's philosophy and commitment to continue to provide an advanced telecommunications network offering high quality services, significant employment opportunities and to the retainment of its position as a prominent corporate citizen contributing to the residents and overall economy of the State of Wisconsin.

Because of this the potential for an enhanced level of national and international competition, the fact that the Communication Workers' Union is supportive and the pledge that SBC has made to continue Ameritech's strong traditions, we urge support of the merger between SBC Communications, Inc. and Ameritech Corporation.

Sincerely,



Craig W. Carlson
Executive Director

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