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Honorable William Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

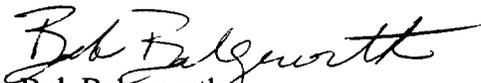
The State Building and Construction Trades Council of California supports the pending merger between SBC and Ameritech now under consideration by your agency.

Our Council, which represents more than 300,000 union construction workers in California, believes that the merger will benefit both consumers and the employees of both companies. The earlier merger between SBC and Pacific Telesis approved by your Commission has resulted in a more competitive marketplace with improved customer service and large increases in capital investment. We think the same outcomes will occur if the SBC/Ameritech merger goes forward.

Our Council urges the Commission to expedite its review and approve this merger.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this measure.

Sincerely,


Bob Balgenorth
President

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