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The Honorable William E. Kennard,
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to you to declare my strong support for the proposed merger between SBC Communications and Ameritech. This merger would finally begin to bring about the benefits to consumers that were envisioned in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

I believe that this merger will create a new breed of communications company with a new game plan: Nationwide competition benefiting both business and residential customers for local, long-distance, Internet and data services. The companies have pledged to enter 30 new markets that are outside SBC's and Ameritech's traditional local service area and to compete head-to-head with the like of Bell Atlantic, BellSouth and GTE - not to mention AT&T, Sprint and MCI/WorldCom - for residential and business customers. This is certainly the type of investment that congress believed would result in more options and lower prices for consumers. After all, isn't that who the Telecommunications Act was created for, the American consumer?

Not only will this merger bring about an unparalleled level of competition, with more options and lower prices, but we can also expect to see a significant increase in the number of jobs being created nationwide. In fact, SBC predicts that we can expect more than 8,000 new jobs to be created with this merger. The company has strong credibility given the thousands of jobs created in California and elsewhere after the Pacific Telesis merger.

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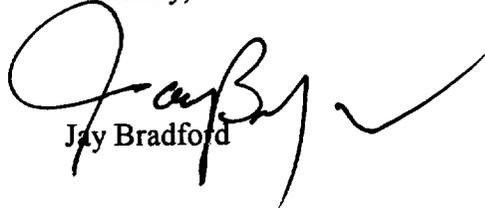
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Recent news reports confirm that both the Ohio Public Utilities Commission and Illinois Corporation Commission are poised to join the U. S. Department of Justice in approving this union. I strongly urge the FCC to quickly approve the merger between Ameritech and SBC Communications.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Bradford", with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

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