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Chairman William E. Kennard  
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

The Orange County Korean Family Counseling And Legal Advice Center serves the Korean-American community in Southern California by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate counseling and consultation services to more than 200,000 immigrants in the Korean community. We are non-profit, private organization supported by many dedicated individuals, organizations, and corporations with financial supports and many hours of volunteer services.

Typically, neither my organization nor I get involved in corporate mergers, but in this particular merger case we have decided to make an exception. We, the board, understand that the Federal Communications Commission is currently reviewing the proposed merger between SBC Communications and the midwestern telecommunications company called, Ameritech. For the past several years, we have worked closely with the Pacific Bell and its employees - both before and after the company merged with SBC. Pacific Bell was always a fine company and a strong partner in our communities, but we have noticed a positive change since the merger. Quite simply, the people of Pacific Bell have more resources to work with.

To begin with, Pacific Bell has significantly increased its contributions to non-profit organizations. Despite California's economic boom, there are still many immigrants who need to improve their job skills, gain access to health services, and get culturally specific services. Pacific Bell's increased contributions have played no small role in making sure worthy organizations in Orange County have the resources to meet those needs.

In addition, since the merger Pacific Bell's service has improved significantly. The company is also introducing high speed and state of the art technology to our communities by investing million of dollars in its telephone network.

Pacific Bell's workforce is a microcosm of California. In fact, the company is one of the largest employers of Asian men and women in the state. Actually, Pacific Bell's Ethnic and Diversified Market Group has been providing excellent bilingual services to the new immigrant Korean communities throughout California. SBC has strongly maintained Pacific Bell's long-standing commitment to diversity and Pacific Bell's ongoing employee recruitment efforts within the Korean community is a true testimony to that commitment.

In short, Pacific Bell's rhetoric matches reality - even more so since it merged with SBC. As the FCC discusses the many complex issues involved in the Ameritech-SBC merger, we wanted to share our experience with you and believe that the SBC-Ameritech merger will produce the same kind of results in the Midwest that we've seen here in California.

Sincerely,

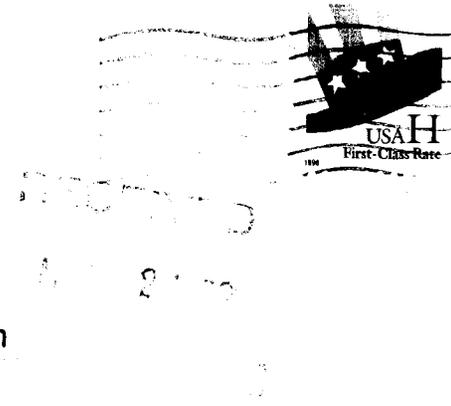
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