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Dear Mr. Chairman:

**Frank Ortiz**  
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SER – Jobs for Progress National, Inc., headquarters of America's Hispanic community-owned network of community-based providers of alternative education, affordable housing, and employment-related services, strongly endorses approval of the Southwestern Bell (SBC)/Ameritech merger.

**Belen Robles**  
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Both corporations have demonstrated repeatedly and during recent years their commitment to diversification in the workplace consistent with that of their customer base. Both have taken affirmative steps to include Hispanic Americans and other historically under-utilized populations in their senior management. The positive and commendable results of these efforts are evidenced in their present employee census reports. SBC, a long-time supporter of SER both locally and nationally, last year donated more than \$10 million to help address the needs of ethnic and other special populations. Ameritech has directed major financial support to SER programs in America's Midwest.

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*CEO, SER San Antonio*

I understand that the SBC/Ameritech merger will advance the goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by unleashing competition on a heretofore unheard of level. The merged SBC/Ameritech will launch a National-Local Strategy of providing local telecom service in the nation's 50 largest metropolitan areas!

**Chuck Tafoya**  
*CEO, Rocky Mountain SER*

Both SBC and Ameritech have stood tall as good corporate citizens. Their merger can only spur increased and more wide-spread involvement in the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

Hugo Cardona  
President & CEO

cc: Sara Garza-Gongora

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