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Federal Communications Commission
Attn: The Honorable William F. Kennard, Chairman
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RE: CC Docket No. 99-333, the merger of Sprint Corporation and MCI Worldcom, Inc.

Dear Chairman Kennard:

As a 30-year professional in telecommunications, I am totally opposed to the above stated merger.

My 30-year career has spanned 18-years during the pre-divestiture Bell... to the breakup of AT&T... to the split of Lucent from AT&T and now the spin-off of Lucent's Mid/Small Business Division to Expanets, Inc. I have had many excellent career opportunities and look forward to many more. I have supported expansion of competition... including MCI, the Sprint Corp, LDDS, Brooks Fiber and WorldCom.

The American economy needs more competition... not less. Bring on the Frontiers, the Qwests, the Net 2000s, the Cable & Wireless firms and many, many more competitors. I support the Judge Greene Bell breakup because it stood for **more competitors, more consumer choices and more new service offerings... and lower prices.** The merger of Sprint and MCI Worldcom will only reduce consumer choice, reduce service offerings and encourage anti-trust monopoly power plays... and will increase prices under the guise of "cost of the merger".

Many monopoly market leaders use their power to put competitors out-of-business and Judge Greene wanted to increase competition by giving everyone a level playing field. The Sprint + MCI Merger gives unfair market share to two major players: AT&T and the new Worldcom. **The merger limits my choice, as a Virginian, by eliminating choice between 3 major players to only 2 major players.** The other competitors don't offer the worldwide options, both domestically and internationally. The smaller competitors are niche players: **Americans want more global "major player" options... not fewer. We don't want synergistic reduction of services... we want choices of separate MCI linear Sonet from the Sprint 4-fiber bi-directional ring topology networks.**

I encourage you to remember Sprint fighting the MCI Worldcom merger... and look at their arguments... and then remind them of those facts as you deny the merger. Thanking you in advance,

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