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Honorable Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Secretary Salas:

As you begin your review of Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance service, I wanted to register my perspective on behalf of the City of Fort Worth.

Our city has become a significant beneficiary of the competitive state of local service offerings.

Southwestern Bell opened an operating center in Fort Worth to aid their competitors' efforts to sign-up local service customers. In about two years, that center has grown to include more than 1,000 employees. All of these jobs are new and Fort Worth residents have been the principal beneficiaries. Significant employment growth is expected at the center into the future.

As mayor of a city, which has first-hand experience with the benefits of local service competition, I encourage you to take the necessary steps to permit Southwestern Bell to increase long distance competition. Our residents will be the winners of your positive actions.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Barr

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