

February 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554
Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Commission:

I support SBC's application to compete for long Distance customers in Michigan. Increasing competition will bring greater value to consumers and give them the same choices that residents in more than a dozen states already are enjoying.

Throughout my tenure serving the state of Michigan, I have taken a particular interest in consumer protection issues. It's my understanding that SBC received good grades on the company's systems that support local phone competition.

I appreciate your consideration of SBC's application.

Sincerely;

State Representative