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Dear Mr Martin

I am handwriting to you to express the depth of my disappointment and anguish over the FCC's recent vote against the Baby Bells. This vote has the potential to destroy our companies and My family.

My parents are in their 70s, they live on the income from Baby Bell dividends. My mother has heart problems, they are insured through Southwestern Bell where my Dad is retired. The latest rumor is Southwestern Bell is talking of stopping dividends and insurance.

My husband worked for 30 years with Southwestern Bell. He is retired and we depend on dividends and the insurance Southwestern Bell offers.

My sister is a widow depending on dividends from the Baby Bells also.

My son and his wife are expecting a baby in September. His fairly new job

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is with Southwestern Bell. Southwestern Bell has been laying off to cut costs. During each phase of lay offs we all hold our breath - wondering if he will be next.

Lastly, my daughter wanted to use Southwestern Bells service. However their service was almost dowcie, SHE WAS FORCED to use another service. I feel this is unfair to My daughter and Southwestern Bell. I understand times are hard and a budding company needs a break. These companies should be self supporting by now. How much longer do the Baby Bells have to hold up these companies? THESE VOICES ARE RELLING THE STAR KHADERS AND THE BABY BELLS.

Thank You for reading this,

Donna Sue Gosling

Mother, Daughter, Sister and

STAR KHADER