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Dear Mr. Abernathy,

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 our family.

My parents are in their [illegible] they like [illegible] income from the dividends from the Baby Bells. My mother has heart problems, their insurance is through Southwestern Bell where my father is retired. The [illegible] I heard is Southwestern Bell is talking of changing the insurance programs, I also have heard of talk about stopping dividends.

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

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My sister is a widow. She also depends on the dividends.

My son and his wife are expecting a baby in September. His lately new job is with Southwestern Bell. Southwestern Bell ~~has~~ has been laying people off. During each phase of lay offs we all hold our breath, wondering if he will be next.

Lastly, my daughter, wanted to use Southwestern Bell's service. The cost their service was almost double. She was trying to help support her family but because of the price she was **forced** to use another business, which I feel is unfair to Southwestern Bell and ~~I~~ to MY DAUGHTER.

I understand times are difficult and budding companies need a breeze. However, these companies by now should be self supporting.

These votes are killing the stockholders and our companies.

Thank you, [illegible]

Mother, Daughter, [illegible]