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Dear Mr. Powell:

As a retired 50 year old Bell System Employee, I would like to know how discounts can be justified for hopefull Competitors. If you owned a store in a small town and a group of people decided to compete with you, they would be using your building and all of your expensive equipment just so they could sell the same items for less money and pay you nearly what your stock equipment cost. What kind of fair competition do you call that? Don't forget the switches, cables and all of the expensive buildings do wear out, who will replace these items? Not the little competitors just the American Telephone Co. Since all of this competition took place my telephone Bill has tripled in this small town. Good deal for everyone right.

Please consider the Bell System Co's and some a hundred year old business from the little money grabbers who are looking for a free ride.

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