

April 11, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application by SBC Communications, Inc., et. Al. For Provision of In-Region InterLATA Services in Michigan, WC Docket No. 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to inform you that I had a telephone conversation today with Democratic FCC Commissioners Johnathon Adelstein and Michael Copps. In particular, we discussed how Michigan consumers and business will benefit from a fully open and competitive telecommunications market when Michigan Bell is allowed to compete for interLATA long distance services. I asked them to approve the 271 application and stressed the benefits to the SBC consumers.

I also informed them of how much SBC has helped our agency, the Bay County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and the Nathan Weidner Children's Advocacy Center. SBC is a community minded organization which believes in helping local non profit agencies like ours. Our center's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect through education and intervention. We assist sexually abused children with the investigation and prosecution of sexual abuse cases as well as provide counseling services and medical exams.

SBC has provided funding for a prevention program called CyBear, which teaches middle school students, teachers and parents about internet safety and how to report on-line crimes. In addition, SBC has donated the pagers and pager services for our eight Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners so they can respond to sexual assault victims 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The exams are conducted at the Nathan Weidner Children's Advocacy Center.

SBC's support of our agency is greatly appreciated. I am aware that they assist many other local non profits as well.

In accordance with this Commission's Public Notice, DA 03-156 (Jan. 16, 2003), I am filing this letter electronically through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System. Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy T. Muempfer  
Director Bay County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect/Nathan Weidner Children's Advocacy Center