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As an employee of a partly minority owned ISP, a small business which is the "heart of America," I believe that granting of petition 04-405 would force us to close our doors, force the owners to layoff all of us.

We have many loyal customers who choose us because we are available to assist them with personalized customer service, something the large LECs cannot do.

There is a large segment of the population that would like to deal "locally" and are even willing to pay extra for quality care. They do not like dealing with the large phone companies and many have disdain for them.

If this forbearance is granted, you guarantee the demise of small ISPs, CLECs, etc and you ensure that communications services rates will increase once the LECs have achieved monopoly status. It is only a matter of time.

Besides that, as a tax paying, voting American, I believe that monopolies are anti-American. It is time to take a firm stand against this political manipulation being attempted by the large telecommunications providers.

Sincerely,
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