

LORAIN
COUNTY
CHAMBER OF
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...Lorain County's Business Connection

Together

March 4, 2005

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to support the pending merger of ALLTEL and Western Wireless Corporation. In the telecommunications industry, wireless communications is one of the most significant growth drivers. As an ALLTEL wireless communications user, and as an organization that offers ALLTEL wireless communications to our vast membership as a value added benefit, I am fully interested in better coverage, improved reliability, and enhanced call quality. The improvement will not only benefit myself, but our members as well.

As President of the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, I am aware of the status of services being provided by wireless communications providers. I believe the merger will strengthen the capabilities of each company to implement and improve the aforementioned services and enhance the service for their combined subscribers.

Any assistance you can provide in supporting this merger will make a significant difference to our County and region. Thank You.

Sincerely,



Frank P. DeTillio
President