

April 25, 2005

Marlene Dortch
Secretary

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The merger of SBC and AT&T means more competitive products and services for our businesses and residents in the Metro Hartford Region. We are confident that their efficient and creative approach to high-quality telecommunications will strengthen our businesses and their productivity.

The combined companies will have the resources, expertise, and incentive to adapt the sophisticated products that have been developed for its enterprise customers to the needs of small and medium businesses and consumers, and the marketing expertise and infrastructure to reach those customers.

In light of these changes, we trust that the merged company will work responsibly to advance their product, while containing their cost to businesses and consumers.

Sincerely,

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