

Dear Chairman Martin:

As an ordinary citizen I am strongly opposed to the Comcast/Time Warner/Adelphia merger (FCC Docket No. 05-192) and the AT&T/BellSouth merger (FCC Docket No. 06-74). This nation will be faced with a monolithic monopoly if you allow the largest telecommunications company and the two largest cable companies in the United States to merge.

I am extremely concerned about the concentration of media power in fewer and fewer hands. The number of channels does not reflect real choice if they are under the control of a handful of giant corporations. These mergers will destroy competition and destroy the very fabric of our democracy.

Additionally if AT&T combines with BellSouth the top three broadband providers will control of over half of all broadband connections in the country. Also the Time Warner/Comcast/Adelphia merger means that Comcast and Time Warner will have increased power over entire regions of the United States.

The FCC should block these transactions. Period. As a Federal Agency it is your responsibility to insure that the foundations of free speech as stated in our Constitution remain in place. It is not your job to increase corporate profits at the expense of ordinary citizens.