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445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 06-74, Support for AT&T BellSouth Merger

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

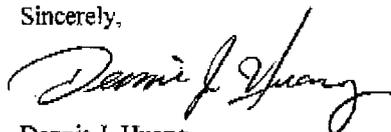
On behalf of the Asian Business Association (ABA), we urge you to support the proposed AT&T/BellSouth merger. As our organization and its members know very well from our experience, the combination of two robust and respectable companies with impressive track records often times delivers new opportunities to businesses and consumers alike. We are excited at the prospect of these two companies joining together.

Founded in 1976 to proactively help Asian Americans gain access to economic opportunities and advancement, the ABA strives to bring together divergent groups spanning the Asian business community on issues which mutually affect their business interests. There is no more issue of critical importance to our organization than effective technological access in this country. As you know, economic growth depends upon broadband and technology deployment across the U.S. Business leaders, including Asian-Americans, harness technology everyday to catapult their own businesses and ideas to economic success. Some has technology as their core competitive advantage. The more technology that spreads to every corner of the country, the more success our community and organization sees within the business community.

Today, more and more Asian Americans as a whole are going online and using premium services at the workplace and with their families, such as broadband, DSL, and new video technologies. Our population sector connects to the Internet at an alarming rate and with each passing day more and more Asian Americans integrate cell phone, video, and new internet technologies into our daily lives. The merger before you will allow this progress in our community to continue.

We strongly agree that this merger satisfies the public interest and will turn out to be very positive for consumers and businesses, as well as Asian Americans, throughout the new footprint of AT&T/BellSouth. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Huang  
Executive Director