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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW, Suite 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin,

The League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC), which represents the economic, education, political, health and civil rights interests of 46 million Latinos in the United States and Puerto Rico, encourages the Federal Communications Commission to move forward in approving the AT&T-BellSouth merger. The combined companies will offer improved lower cost services to consumers and many new opportunities for minorities, including Hispanics.

AT&T and BellSouth have a long tradition of providing superior products to all their consumers. The proposed commitments made by AT&T will extend advanced wireline and WiMax technologies to more consumers than any other company. These advanced services will provide Hispanic consumers new educational opportunities through high speed broadband connections and better economic opportunities for Hispanic small businesses seeking to compete against larger better funded competitors.

More options for broadband service, including prices as low as \$10 and free broadband modems, will allow more consumers to connect faster and better match their needs with a wide range of services. AT&T's commitment to bring 30 percent of new broadband deployment to low income and rural areas further demonstrates their dedication to bringing advanced technology to all consumers.

AT&T has a long history as a proven leader of supporting minorities in all aspects of its business, including employment, procurement and philanthropy. AT&T and BellSouth also have been long-time providers of thousands of strong union jobs that strengthen families with great benefits and fair wages.

LULAC urges your support in approving this important merger. Three foreign countries, 18 state commissions and the U.S. Department of Justice have already approved the merger and recognized the public benefits it will produce. It's time to bring two great companies together so that American consumers can begin to enjoy superior services and products.

Sincerely,

Rosa Rosales  
LULAC National President

CC: Commissioner Adelstein, Commissioner Cops, Commissioner McDowell, Comm. Tate