

October 26, 2006

Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth, SW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I am writing in support of the merger between BellSouth and AT&T. I understand this matter is currently pending before the Federal Communications Commission.

A great deal of material has been provided to me in support of this merger. I believe this material has also been made available to the Commission.

I do not pretend to understand all of the intricacies and complexities involved in a merger of this magnitude. I do know that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority found this transaction to be in the public interest and gave its approval. My nominee to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority is Chair Lady Sara Kyle. She has served on the TRA as my nominee since 1996 and served its predecessor since 1994. Chair Lady Kyle, along with the rest of the Commission, spent over three months reviewing this matter and again approved it without conditions. Needless to say, I have every faith in the judgment and integrity of Chair Lady Kyle and I can think of no stronger endorsement for the proposed merger. I urge you to act favorably on this most important matter.

If you would like to discuss more detail with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jimmy Naifeh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Speaker Jimmy Naifeh
TN House of Representatives