Bill Purcell Mayor
October 24, 2006

Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to encourage FCC approval of the proposed combination of AT&T and BellSouth in order to best serve the interests of the citizens and economic well-being of Nashville.

The two corporations have been clear that together they will provide a broad range of consumer and economic benefits faster than BellSouth can provide alone. One of the most important of these is providing broadband availability to 100 percent of its customers within one year from the close of the merger. Additionally, they have committed to maintaining the strong level of support for communities and philanthropy that has made BellSouth such a valuable corporate citizen in our city.

I urge you on behalf of the citizens of Nashville to act on this merger as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Bill Purcell
Mayor

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Cc: Secretary Marlene Dortch
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