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**Bill Purcell** Mayor

October 24, 2006

Chairman Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Purcell".

Bill Purcell  
Mayor

BP:sg

Cc: Secretary Marlene Dortch  
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

A handwritten circled letter "P" in black ink.  
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