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Chairman Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
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RE: Support BellSouth / AT&T Merger, WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear Chairman Martin:

The Urban League of Central Carolinas is based in Charlotte, North Carolina. Our clients are "fragile" and "at risk" living on the lower end of the socio-economic scale. Thus, any changes that can enhance their economic prosperity are welcome. That is why we are asking you to vote in favor of the AT&T / BellSouth merger.

Clearly, the merger has the potential to provide great new benefits for the African-Americans community. For example, we understand that AT&T and BellSouth have discussed with the Commission precedent-setting merger conditions that are unmatched by any other communications provider. First, the newly merged company has proposed a \$10 monthly residential broadband Internet service offering. Second, any current AT&T-BellSouth customer using dial-up service will be offered a free upgrade to DSL, including a free modem. Third, "stand-alone" DSL will be offered to customers at a competitive rate, thereby no longer requiring customers to also purchase voice service. Most importantly, AT&T and BellSouth have made a commitment to deploy high-speed Internet service to rural areas and lower-income living units. All of these provisions will have a tremendous positive economic impact for African-Americans.

We urge you to help grow economic opportunities and improve the quality of life of African-Americans through *affordable* and *universal* broadband services by supporting the AT&T / BellSouth merger.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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