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

Dear Chairman Martin:

As the immediate former Southeast Regional Director, and presently the National Director of Field Operations of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), I am writing to urge expeditious approval of the AT&T / BellSouth merger. We feel its passage will help to increase the availability of advanced communications products and services to millions of Americans left behind, especially African Americans.

As we consistently work to promote political, educational, social and economic equality for all, we have taken notice of AT&T's pledge to provide broadband expansion to at least 30% of low income communities and to provide a broadband offering at a low monthly rate of \$10 per month. These proposals will help to create the equal, level playing field for all our low-income families.

Please help to grow economic opportunities and improve the quality of life of our communities by supporting the AT&T / BellSouth merger. We appreciate your consideration and your leadership.

Sincerely,

Reverend Charles L. White, Jr.  
National Director of Field Operations, NAACP

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