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Dear Sirs:

It is not clear at all what good the AT&T merger will do for the USA.

Based on recent public statements by AT&T management the company has no intention of providing state of the art or even close to state of the art Internet connectivity for its customers because of its stated position against providing optical fiber connectivity and its intention to maintaining the technological obsolete wire connectivity. If this continues the US will remain second rate compared with many other countries with which we compete.

I presume that included in the mission of the FCC is the idea to assure to the best of your ability what is best for the country.

This does not seemed to have happened with regard to AT&T beginning with the initial de-merger in 1984. I hope this is being considered in you deliberations over the Bellsouth AT&T mergers.

I am a concerned former Republican who worked over seas for 19 yrs bringing business back to the US who sees our nation steadily falling behind and certainly not leading much anymore.

Sincerely and respectfully,

William Artis

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jerry44109@juno.com wrote on 12/6/2006 3:52:34 PM :

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Senator Mike DeWine  
U.S. Senate  
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Dear Senator DeWine,

The Federal Communications Commission has crossed an ethical line so brazenly that Congress must intervene. I'm writing to request more congressional oversight and to urge you to join the efforts of Senator Inouye and Representatives Dingell, Markey and Doyle to address the problem and demand greater accountability.

The FCC is currently reviewing a proposed merger between AT&T and BellSouth, a multibillion-dollar deal that would constitute the largest merger in the history of U.S. telecommunications and resurrect Ma Bell. Good-faith negotiations on the conditions of this merger have been ongoing. Commissioner Robert McDowell, a recent arrival at the FCC, has properly recused himself from the proceeding, citing conflicts of interest because his former employer has a major stake in its outcome. We applaud his ethical stance, which demonstrates a commitment to forthright public service.

The conditions under discussion are reasonable for a merger of this size and scope. They include consumer protections to prevent exploitation of market power in pricing and Network Neutrality -- a principle strongly supported by the public that prevents Internet service providers from discriminating against content produced by their competitors. Yet rather than engage in a compromise, AT&T has pushed FCC Chairman Kevin Martin to take an extraordinary and troubling step.

Chairman Martin has indicated that he intends to "un-recuse" Commissioner McDowell and ask him to vote on the merger. This would be an unprecedented and bold affront to an open policymaking process that demands independence and impartiality. The public interest cannot be served by agencies that seek to actively override conflicts of interest. There are clear ethical lines in this case that Commissioner McDowell has respected. We ask that you hold Chairman Martin to the same standard.

Sincerely,  
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shelly808@hotmail.com wrote on 11/14/2006 2:23:32 PM :

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Dear Federal Communications Commission,

AT&T and BellSouth have a poor track record serving Americans. They have stifled competition, eliminating choices in the marketplace. They have not bridged the digital divide, leaving America far behind its global competitors. They have failed to protect network freedoms that keep the Internet an open road for all.

We cannot allow the future of communications to be controlled by companies that demonstrate little regard for the public interest.

As public representatives, you must stop this merger from going forward.

Sincerely,  
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