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December 14, 2006

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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Re: Application for Consent to Transfer of Control Filed by AT&T, Inc. and BellSouth Corporation, WC Docket No. 06-74

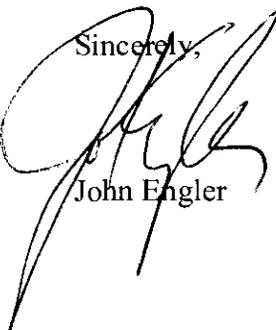
Dear Chairman Martin:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)—the nation's oldest and largest broad-based industrial trade association—strongly supports Commission action that would remove uncertainty, and encourage the deployment of, new fiber-optic networks offering voice, video and data services to consumers and businesses nationwide. In this light, we urge you to approve the merger of AT&T and BellSouth, and to help lead the way toward a technological future where great progress can be made.

By voting to approve this merger, the FCC would bring certainty to the industry, thus creating an environment that promotes investment in telecommunications to improve the industry and enable new and better technologies to emerge.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer our views and thank you in advance for your support of this merger. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 637-3106.

Sincerely,



John Engler

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cc: The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
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