

United States Senate

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Mr. Vic Janecek, General Chairman
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Dear Mr. Janecek:

Thank you for contacting me earlier this year regarding regulation within commercial industries. I appreciate your organization's point of view and agree there is a legitimate role for regulation to play within the U.S. commercial industry.

Large mergers can be problematic, and I support strong oversight of such mergers by regulators at the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice to prevent any combination of companies which would ultimately harm consumers. There is a delicate balance to be achieved between giving companies the necessary room to grow and expand and protecting consumers and workers from unfair business practices. As a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, and as a new member of the Senate Manufacturing Caucus, I will continue monitoring these issues and will certainly keep your thoughts in mind as the 109th Congress proceeds.

Thank you again for contacting me. I appreciate being made aware of the Electrical Workers' concerns about this issue and hope you will continue sharing the thoughts and ideas of your membership.

Sincerely,



E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senator

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