

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV customer who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV.

By merging, the combined company can offer more programming choices and, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S.

Currently, my choice for local programming is AT&T Broadband. First, I have tried to boycott anything to do with AT&T (political and religious beliefs). Second, AT&T Broadband has been in serious trouble here in Jacksonville - lying to their customers, bad service even no service at all.

I've tried an antenna, but when that didn't work I contacted an expert. He said that from my neighborhood, there is no way I would ever get a good signal.

So as I see it, the ONLY way for me to get local channels is to go against my personal beliefs.

How can you do that? THAT IS AGAINST EVERYTHING AMERICAN!

Give the consumer the choice by lending your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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