

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am a current satellite TV subscriber who is very pleased with his digital broadcast service and would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. I support this merger so that I may receive my local channels via satellite. The combination of these two satellite providers will also provide me numerous benefits including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL to consumers in big cities, small towns and rural areas alike. This will give me a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to rural communities where cable modems and DSL are not likely to be available anytime in the near future.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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