

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

My family and I are frustrated by the lack of digital access to the world from our small rural Alabama town of Jackson. We have friends and family in other more urban areas of the country that have had digital phone and cable with high speed internet access for years while we continue to wait for these services in Jackson.

Three years ago I switched to satellite to get the best quality TV source that I could and have been very pleased with the service. There has been one \$1 price increase during that 3 year period while the value of the service has improved with more channels. I have maintained my cable service to get the local channels out of Mobile and the cable company has raised their rates a greater percentage over the same time period without any improvement in service.

I believe that the merger of Dish Network and Direct TV will be a huge benefit to me in Jackson. I will finally have a source for high speed internet access which I don't have now due to my distance from the Bell South switch and lack of digital cable service from Mediacom company.

Please support the merger of Dish and Direct. It will be great for me and millions of other Americans.

Sincerely,

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