

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a consumer, I have seen services such as telephone and utilities erode in quality and increase in price due to government intervention. I can see no consumer downside to the Echostar - DirectTV merger. My choices and service as a subscriber will improve and the United States may actually approach the technical television quality of Japan.

Sincerely,

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