

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger between EchoStar and DirectTV. It is people like me who have been left out in the current makeup of cable and broadband distribution Living in a rural area has many advantages, but access to broadband internet and cable is not one of them. The merger of these two companies would provide me with the two things I would most like to have ... local programming on my satellite connection, and broadband internet access.

Please count my voice in support of this merger.

Sincerely,

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