

I am writing you today to express my support for the merger of DirectTV and EchoStar. I strongly believe the merger increases competition. The issue is not one of a monopoly of satellite service, but one competitive television service. Having been a cable television subscriber in the past I was subjected to the outrageous price increases that far outpaced inflation. I am fortunate enough to have satellite service as an option and chose them because of the superior combination of price and service. I humbly ask that you allow all Americans to have the choice that satellite offers. The combination of EchoStar and DirectTV will have the resources to compete on an even level with the cable companies. I believe that increased competition will be beneficial to all of your constituents.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter and for your service to our country.