

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

I live in a rural area with no access to local television broadcasts. My location prohibits me from receiving local television signals through the use of even a rooftop rotor antenna and no cable company provides service to my location. Although I can receive some network broadcasts from the East coast and from Los Angeles through my satellite company, I have been denied access to any CBS broadcasts. Further, I feel that I am unable to participate fully in my local community without access to local television broadcasts.

Additionally, I feel that homeland security is foremost in our minds, and having access to local broadcasts is imperative.

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

Sincerely,

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