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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing you to express my concern and support regarding the merger between ECHOSTAR and Hughes Electronics Corporation.

There are in my opinion several advantages this merger could provide over the current system.

1. Provide more programming choices.
2. Provide access not only to urban but also to rural America.
3. Consumers would enjoy lower costs.

I urge you to consider the numerous advantages this merger would bring forth. All of which are consumer friendly. Please, as I do, give your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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State Representative

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