

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Hello:

I am writing to ask you to support the Echostar/DirectTV merger.

I currently live near Dayton, Ohio, where Dish Network cannot offer local channels. To get my locals, I have to subscribe to basic cable as well, and pay almost twice as much for just the local channels as I would have to if I could get them from Dish. Plus, I have to pay for basic cable channels that duplicate the ones I get on Dish. I'm not willing to get rid of Dish and subscribe to cable because it would cost twice as much for cable to get the same channels that I get now on Dish.

The merger would allow Dish to offer locals in the Dayton area, and I would be able to discontinue getting basic cable. That would save me a lot of money.

So please support the merger. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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