

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Again, I am writing to you to urge you to support the merger of Dish Network and DirectTV. I am a registered Republican. I teach Economics at a local college in Louisville, KY. My subject includes mergers. Both of the comments made by Senator Mitch McConnell and Representative Ron Lewis refer to the competition involved with satellite TV. You are missing the crux of the competitive market. It is pay TV -whether provided by cable companies or satellite companies. Cable TV companies will be forced to become competitive and offer consumers (voters) better choices. The merger of the Dish Network and DirectTV will provide lower cost pay TV, will provide high-speed internet service for rural areas, and will provide digital quality local TV programs to the entire nation. The merger partners have also pledged to offer one price nationwide. No cable TV company can do that. I realize that the cable companies are lobbying hard against this merger. But I want you, as my elected representatives to do what is best for the citizens of Kentucky and the United States and NOT the special interest groups. 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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