

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 to ask you to support the merger of Echostar and DirectTV. This merger is not about two companies forming a monopoly but, two companies combining their power to compete with a monopoly that we call cable TV. As a current subscriber I feel that the merger would have many benefits to current and future customers as well as cable customers who want the freedom to choose or, just better service.

I live in a city and have full and complete access to cable TV but, why subscribe when we only have one provider (AT&T) who decides what channels we get and how much we are going to pay for it. With this merger we will finally have a competitor to cable and end their monopoly of our area and many like it. Isn't America about choice?

In closing, I ask you to please support the merger for the good that it would bring to small communities like mine, as well as larger ones.

Sincerely,

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