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Federal Communications Commission  
Att: Secretary  
445 12th Street SW, Room TW-A 325  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: CS Docket No. 01-348

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Donald Collins of Delanson, New York, a rural section of Schenectady County.

Mr. Collins has requested that I contact you on his behalf. He is strongly opposed to the proposed merger of Hughes Electronics and EchoStar Communications. This merger would combine the only two companies that provide satellite television and internet services in Mr. Collins' area, and would therefore create a monopoly, and possibly increase rates. I would greatly appreciate your serious consideration of these concerns during your review of the proposed merger.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Cordially,

Hugh T. Farley  
Senator

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cc: Donald Collins

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