

I am writing this letter to support the Echostar/DirectTV merger. I currently live in an area, which is supported by cable (including high-speed internet over cable) and DSL. This means that I have a choice for my TV as well as my Internet access. I choose to get the Dish network because it provides much more value and better service than I was getting with cable. While I realize this merger would hurt competition between satellite providers, it will provide a real competitor for the massive cable companies and baby bells. In addition, I don't see how this can hurt people who can only get satellite, since the majority of Echostar's customers are in areas where cable is available. Satellite TV is a very capital intensive business and I would rather see one successful company in the space than see two companies go bankrupt.