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Chairman Michael Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: Support of Pending Merger of DIRECTV and EchoStar Satellite Systems

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Chairman Powell:

As an State Representative from Abbeville, Louisiana I am writing in support of the proposed EchoStar/DIRECTV merger and ask that the matter get a thorough, fair and timely review on its merits.

Creation of a new satellite company with the size and technology to match cable TV's offerings in programming choices and high-speed Internet access would benefit our states' consumers and serve as a healthy competitive stimulus for the pay-TV market.

For those Louisiana communities already served by cable and satellite providers, the addition of satellite-delivered Internet services represents a competitive choice. For our rural residents that are not served by cable satellite broadband would provide affordable access to the digital future.

In view of its benefits to consumers and support of the free market system, I look on the merger favorably. It is my hope that the FCC will approve it without unnecessary delay or unreasonable conditions.

Sincerely,

*Mickey Frith*

Representative Mickey Frith  
District 47

Cc: Congressman W.J. "Billy" Tauzin  
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