

I would like to voice my concern over the EchoStar and DirectTV merger. It is clear that keeping these companies separate will only stimulate competition, the arguments that they must be strong and merge to compete with cable is misleading. The DBS time is here there is no doubt it will compete and both companies will grow, allowing them to merge would stifle competition and in my opinion actually delay progress in reaching high technology to both rural and metropolitan areas. Please do not approve this merger, thank you.