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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Through the review and approval of the requested merger of the EchoStar DirecTV and the Hughes Electronics Corporation, there is an opportunity to broaden the opportunity for many Utahns in rural communities to finally have access to the internet and to a wider variety of television programming.

There are unlimited creative ways to better utilize satellite television programming and provide internet services. We can open up the educational opportunities for our rural citizens and their children to access higher education learning and we can enhance the access to medical treatment for our rural doctors and our rural hospitals. There are unbounded creative uses for an improved satellite system. Education and medicine will be able to expand their services to Utahns living in rural communities and bring the world closer together.

Sincerely,


James R. Gowans, Representative
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

The proposed merger between the EchoStar DirecTV Company and the Hughes Electronics Corporation will provide new additional traditional satellite television programming, and internet access to the citizens of rural Utah. As a state legislator for a rural community in Utah, we are always trying to increase our opportunities to reach the citizens who are without cable access. Many residents in Utah are reliant upon satellite television because of lack of available cable lines. Our citizens are living in remote farming communities and cable is not economically viable. Providing their television programming and their internet service via this merger will greatly enhance their opportunities. If we could see all of our citizens with access, we could begin to broaden our higher education system into smaller communities. We are probably not even aware of the opportunities this merger could provide.

I greatly support opportunities for companies to better their services to their customers. These two companies have determined that they will better serve their customers with a better product. I support them

Sincerely,


D. Bud Bowman, Representative
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APPROPRIATIONS; EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS;
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

During the past few weeks there have been news reports about a merger between the EchoStar DirecTV Company and the Hughes Electronics Corporation. This proposed merger will provide, in addition to traditional satellite television programming, internet access. Many residents in Utah are reliant upon satellite television because of lack of available cable lines. Our citizens are living in remote farming communities and cable is not economically viable. Providing their television programming and their internet service via this merger will greatly enhance their opportunities. If we could see all of our citizens with access, we could begin to broaden our higher education system into smaller communities. We are probably not even aware of the opportunities this merger could provide.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Ure".

David Ure, Representative
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