

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Troy Gravel and I am a customer of Dish Network. I moved to the state of Maine January of 2001 from the state of North Carolina. I signed up with Satellite TV service for the variety of programming I could receive for myself as well as my family - my wife and daughter age 4. I am a big sports fan and like to watch football - particularly Carolina Panthers and East Carolina University. I paid extra to have Distant Local Service for Raleigh, North Carolina Local ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX so that I could watch my Tarheel sports. Just recently I received a letter stating I would be losing those Distant stations and would have to choose from six Major Networks.

Upset, but able to understand - I chose New York. I still have a problem - I will not be able to watch but one Carolina Panther game the whole season - the one during preseason when they play the New England Patriots. By having the merger of DirectTV and Dish Network I am hoping that I will be able to get NFL Sunday Ticket which is currently exclusive to DirectTV. I know now I could switch to DirectTV however I have had some of the best customer service through Dish and do not wish to give that up. Please take this letter in support of the merger and please put a lot of personal thought into what I have said. I thank you for your time and understanding and please (Bring me some football)

Sincerely,

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