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Honorable Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S. W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing this letter to urge you to support the merger between EchoStar and Hughes Electronics. This combined company could bring unique and exciting benefits to many people in our state.

A combined EchoStar and Hughes Electronics should provide the economies of scale and buying power to expand services provided to all markets. The Combined company will also be able to provide high-speed satellite Internet and broadband service with multilingual options at competitive prices. By having this improved service many in our community could overcome the barrier of access and this will benefit our young people and businesses.

It seems like there is a new and improved technology coming out each and every day. This merged company could provide the rural parts of Louisiana with competitively priced access to that ever changing technology and I hope you will seriously consider this matter.

Sincerely,

Herman Ray Hill

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State Representative
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