

I am writing to you today as a current Dish Network (Echostar) TV subscriber who would like to voice my support for the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including providing local stations to me via satellite, which may not be possible otherwise, as I live in a smaller market. Currently to receive locals, cable is my only choice and I maintain a basic cable connection in addition to my satellite service just so I can get the local stations too. I look forward to the added channels, Internet technology and better pricing options that the merger will bring me so that I will finally have a true alternative to cable.

In the interest of improving small America's access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your full and swift support to this merger for the benefit of all tv viewers nationwide