

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am 100% in favor of the Dish/DirectTV merger. As a rural resident, I am penalized by the FCC's current regulations. Local network affiliates are being shielded from competition by the government at my expense. I am forced to purchase and maintain extra antennas and equipment, just so I can watch certain networks - when my satellite equipment is already capable of providing them. Even after investing several hundred dollars, I receive a substandard picture, and the financial burden is on me to prove it if I want a waiver. If the government tried to prop up any other private business this way, there would be an uproar. Private companies who do such things are called monopolistic. The proposed merger would rectify this injustice to those of us who want modern conveniences without the violence and pollution of the city.

Sincerely,

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