

I am writing to you today as a current CATV subscriber who was thinking of switching to satellite TV prior to the merger announcement of EchoStar and DIRECTV. Two days prior to the announcement, I was in a retail store getting information on both Echostar and DirectTV. I was only a trip back to the store away with my decision to purchase the Echostar package. If this merger is approved, I will never buy satellite pay tv service. Competition provides better services. Sure CATV competes with satellite, but the competition between Echostar and DIRECTV is what made these two great products. This merger is the lazy way to eliminate competition. Some of us just want the best service regardless of cost. There were buyers out there that considered the main competition between Echostar and DIRECTV. What's next, let all the wireless phone companies merge and compete against the baby bells. Please don't support this merger.