

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

In the wake of the September 11th, I was unable to access any news of the correlary events happening in Boston, or to learn what steps the Govenor of our state was advocating we take. I have no local access channels with my current satellite service provider.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Representative Shaun P. Kelly from Western Massachusetts' 2nd District is trying to introduce a bill to the Legislature in MA supporting this action as well.

Sincerely,

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