

Dear FCC, Senator Grassley, Senator Harkin, Representative Nussle:

I live in Iowa City, IA. I am a subscriber to DirectTV and have been for more than 6 years. I am in support of the merger of DirectTV and DishNetwork if it will give me local channels and the right to purchase network TV from other cities if I so choose to exercise what should be my right as an American citizen.

I would like to express a concern of mine as a DirectTV subscriber. I cannot get the CBS stations out of, what is called my local affiliates, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Rock Island, Illinois. I can get every other network station (NBC, Fox, ABC, WB, and PBS) using an out-door antennae--but not CBS. I applied for a waiver from my local affiliate out of Cedar Rapids. I was happy about this fact. I called DirectTV after receiving the go-ahead from them. Much to my consternation, I was told by DirectTV that they could not give me CBS because the waiver was turned down by a CBS affiliate in Rock Island, Illinois (WHBF)!! Does this sound fair to the consumer? I don't live in Illinois! Please revise the Home View Act to allow customers to choose the programming of their choice. This is not a communist nation. Give me the right to purchase network TV of my choice!

Thank you.