

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am an average tv watcher living in Elkton, MD. Because I live in a weak (Few customers per square mile) TV/Telephone market no one wants my business . I feel for the even weaker markets out west. Please allow this merger so true access and competition can take place in my area as well as across the nation. I used to live in Delaware where the competition is heavy. I had so many choices and cheaper prices. I had choices in Cable TV, Satt. TV and Internet access as well as local telephone service. Sat. have the ability to bring good service at a good price everywhere. But, Please allow all competitors equal rights. Please pass laws that can not allow Networks to shut out markets to Dish Network that it allows Direct TV to use. I know that they are merging but don't shut out the little guy anymore. Dish might be an independent company still if they were offered an equal playing field. Even though that battle may be lost; please allow the sat. to compete with the cable TV companies. It will offer better service, cheaper for all markets. I would rather have Dish & Direct together across the nation as well as in competition with Big Cable and the networks. Everyone should have a level playing field or soon there will be no little guy at all. It may sound silly but allowing this merger may cause more competition down the road.

Sincerely,

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