

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I live in an area, outside Duluth Minnesota, where broadcast band reception is marginal if not, at times, impossible. Everyone in my local township (Arrowhead) has the same problem.

Congress totally messed-up the last legislation which authorized some local broadcasts via sat. After the messed up legislation, members of congress even had press conferences where they said 'we goofed, we will have to fix it'

Needless to say. The congressional fix never arrived. Now there is an opportunity for us in the rural areas to receive local broadcast stations via sat. The congressional track record being a mess, I request that you place your full support behind the merger of Echostar/DIRECTV.

Sincerely,

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