

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As rural satellite dish owners, my husband and I completely support the merger of EchoStar and DirectTV. We depend on satellite reception for all our television viewing, and we cannot receive local channels without significant interference, often depriving us of the ability to view major news, sports, and political events. We believe that with the merger, we could once again have access not only to our beloved Dish Network channels, but also to our local news, weather, and sports. We both vote, and we would appreciate your prompt and consistent support of this merger.

Sincerely,

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