

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I subscribe to Dish Network.

I support the merger of Dish Network and Direct-TV.

Cable is not available in my area and the Cable Company told me that there are not enough potential subscribers in my area for them to extend their service to me. I don't get my local stations, and I would like to.

The quality and number of channels carried on cable here on Maui used to be terrible. Since Dish Network expanded its coverage to Hawaii the local Cable Companies have upgraded their service. I think this indicates the value and need for the availability of an alternative to the lock on consumers that the Cable Companies currently enjoy. Without the expanded coverage that the merger would provide the Cable Companies would be free to continue to gouge the consumer, as they have done in the past.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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