

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The cable TV stranglehold has gone on far too long. Cable rates are going up everytime you turn around. I don't see this proposed merger as creating another monster...We already have one...The cable company. All I want is access to the same programming that cable subscribers already have, but can't get because of regulations.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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