

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I reside in Baltimore and would like to take advantage of satellite television. I have had several negative dealings with the cable service provider in my area, and would like the opportunity to use a competitor's service. Unfortunately, Dish Network does not have local channels, thus I have little choice but to use the cable television provider. In Baltimore County, there is only one cable provider, thus they effectively have a monopoly. I believe this is one of the reasons their customer service is so poor, i.e. if you don't like it, too bad - they're the only game in town.

I understand that Dish Network and Direct TV have a merger in the works. I am writing to request approval of the merger. As a consumer, this merger will bring local channels to my area, and thus will provide more options for me to use satellite television. I further believe that it will negate the monopolistic advantage Comcast cable currently enjoys, which will benefit the consumers in several ways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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