

I am writing to you today to tell you to support the Dishnetwork and Directv merger.

For me, the merger offers more choices and better pricing. I live in an apartment and cannot receive local channels for free from an antenna. My only choice is from cable. Although my apartment complex permits me to own a satellite dish, I cannot install a large antenna on the roof. I have spent many hundreds of dollars on all types of interior antennas that don't work. Since my Senators keep blocking my access to locals from my satellite company, I have no choice but to have cable for my locals. This merger gives me and my family a well deserved choice.

Currently, I am spending \$14.95 a month for local channels from my cable company. If you allow this merger, I will pay \$5.99 a month from my satellite company. This might not sound like a lot of money to you but this is about 63 percent savings. I wish I could get my locals for free but I can't.

I have heard arguments that cable and satellite can't compete because they are two different things. In my town we have two cable companies. I cannot pick which one I want that is determined by address. That is not competition! The true choice that I have is my cable company or my satellite company. This is unfair competition because you are holding one company (my satellite company) from offering the same choices that the other offers.

I have never asked for anything from my government. I pay my taxes. I vote for my representatives. Being a registered voter and a tax payer, I am telling you to vote for the merger between Dishnetwork and Directv.