

I am writing to you in favor of the DirectTV / Dish Network merger. As a cable and satellite customer who has service from all 3 providers, I feel that the union between these two satellite companies can only help progress television services in the future. To take on large cable companies, only a united satellite service will be able to offer the same prices and service to the people in the cities and rural areas of our great country.

As a HDTV owner, I also believe this merger will help the installation base of high definition digital TV's, which will provide more programming, more competition, etc. I am looking forward to the possibilities that could come with the merger, but not looking forward to a future where cable companies dominate and continue a monopoly on television services.

Thank you for your time.