

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of opposition to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will restrict and remove numerous benefits to consumers like me, including less choices in channels and programming. In particular, I will have less options in regard to upgrading equipment. I currently have a defective DishPlayer receiver. Dish refuses to deal with problem. Currently, I can take my business to DirecTV, but after the merger I will have no such choice.

By merging, the combined company will be a monopoly competitor like cable television and will offer less programming choices to consumers.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television, I urge you to reject and to oppose this merger.