

We are current EchoStar satellite TV subscribers who would like to add our voice to support the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV.

The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like us, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband, and new television technologies.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television and can offer more programming choices and, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S.

By providing local TV channels everywhere, this merger will make satellite television a strong alternative to cable in our community. Throughout the country, people will now be able to turn to satellite TV to access their local news, weather, and community information, in addition to a comprehensive package of national video programming.

But just as exciting, the merger will bring the availability of affordable high-speed Internet service by satellite to over 40 million Americans who don't have high-speed Internet access. However, these tremendous benefits to us, the consumers, won't happen without the merger.

Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL to consumers in big cities, small towns and in the rural area where we live. This will give us a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to the rural community where cable modems and DSL are not likely to be available anytime in the near future.

In order to improve our access to competitive television and Internet service, we urge you to lend your support to this merger.