

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

PLEASE---- PLEASE ----- vote for this merger-- this would be the best thing to ever happen to high cable prices--- I currently have cable available where I live but it is more expensive than satellite T.V.-- My parents live in a small town in North Missouri where just basic cable is \$50.00+ /month-- as far as concerns (excuses to vote with cable companies) I have heard from lawmakers about the 'monopoly' this will create--- that is just dead WRONG!!! The majority of the satellite customers live in metropolitan areas-- and still will with the merger-- the satellite company has to stay competitive with the cable or they will lose customers-- here's the good part-- satellite pricing is the same in Chicago, IL or Ringgold, LA --- the biggest reason to support this is so EVERYONE nationwide has access to affordable broadband fast access internet-- I currently live only two miles outside the city limits of Shreveport, LA and have NO access to broadband --- Bellsouth refuses to make it available here--- another huge benefit to rural America will be the availability of local t.v. channels on satellite nationwide!!! The National Farm Bureau is 200% behind this merger--- they don't get behind something that will hurt rural areas----- so PLEASE --- PLEASE do NOT listen to the special interest groups who are supporting the cable companies (even if they disguise themselves as 'rural residents') EVERY rural resident I have spoken to was completely for this once they UNDERSTOOD what benefits it will bring to them--- on the surface this may not sound so good, but if you truly study the issue and if you DO NOT listen to the cable companies, then this is a 'no brainer' Thank You,

Sincerely,

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