

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a potential satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television. This merger will make satellite television a strong alternative to cable in our community. Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems. This will give me a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to our community where DSL is not likely to be available anytime in the near future.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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