

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I have been a dish network customer for almost a year now. Prior to Dish network I had standard Adelphia cable. Before Adelphia I had Cox communications. These cable companies were SO bad I dreaded dealing with them or having any communication with them. The reasons these companies were so bad was because they had no true competition. They do not care about the consumers because they had a monopoly. As soon as satellite was able to support my needs I switched and have NEVER been happier with my service. Dish provides the best service, the best product and most of all competition for the HORRIBLE cable companies that exist in VA. I believe that a merger of the two companies Direct TV and Dish Network will provide the perfect environment to make the cable companies improve service and start competing. It is a true capitalists investment by these satellite companies. The cable companies still have a majority install base in VA- reason is because people fear change. If you take a look at my neighborhood- Ashburn- there is almost a Dish on every roof. The reason is because of the poor, horrible, ridiculous cable company that we were FORCED to use. Allow this merger to go through and it will provide what all consumers need in this nation- a choice from the existing monopoly- the sleeping cable companies!

Sincerely,

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