

I am writing to voice support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DirectTV. The merged company will provide the only real competition to cable in my area as well as most areas of the country. Only by allowing the companies to merge will satellite TV have enough resources (bandwidth) to compete with local cable systems. This will help keep the cost of both satellite and cable television reasonable and force both provides to upgrade their services.

If you look closely you will see that most of the organized opposition to the merger is coming from cable interests. They are afraid because for the first time they will have to face real competition in the marketplace.

Please support the merger of Echostar and DirectTV.