

I am planning on moving to a house that has EchoStar's 'DishNetwork' service and I very much want the proposed merger with DirectTV to go through as soon as possible. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies. Bottom line is that DirectTV has an exclusive deal with the NFL to broadcast professional football games and I want that service, but I cannot get it with EchoStar until the merger goes through.

I also want high-speed Internet access in my new home and I want satellite as a viable competitor to cable and DSL in this area.

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

P.S. My new house is in Potomac, MD, in the same congressional district as I currently live.