

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing in favor of the Echostar / DirectTV merger. This merger would bring great results to all TV viewers across the nation. I am especially excited about more high definition channels that will be available through the merger. At this time, there is not enough content available in HD. Here in Atlanta AT&T Broadband does not even have the option of obtaining a HD converter box. Therefore, I can not watch true HD programming on my HDTV. HD content is long past due and without this merger there is no telling when I will be able to receive HD programming. With this merger not only will more HD content be available, but it will also force the cable companies to do the same. Please consider this merger for all the people who are excited about the future of HDTV. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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