

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

It sounds as if this merger is an attempt by echostar to continue its efforts in trying to elevate the immoral over the moral. There is a distinction. Isn't it obvious? One cannot serve two masters.

Echostar has several geographic channels on its satellite system. Why would a corporation carrying this material tolerate programing which strongly opposes these types of programming. My concern is for my selfish ambition to be able to view exclusively the programing I currently enjoy without imposed legislation which would integrate these other channels affecting my premium and or the elimination of the broadcasting I, as an American Citizen so freely enjoy.

This merger, causing a monopoly, would affect greatly those smaller companies under the echostar/directtv umbrella. Dominion SkyAngel has spent millions of U.S. dollars on these liberating programs. To allow this merger is in affect saying, 'We don't have to consider the little guy. They're morals are an imposition and a threat to our 'freedom' to do whatever we want.'

Tell me, which is true freedom; doing what we want or doing what's right?

Sincerely,

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