

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV.

I would like to see a focus on HDTV. Only the satellite companies have the technology and distribution system capable of delivering HDTV with current technology, and quickly. This can only be done by eliminating the wasted bandwidth of 2 companies retransmitting the same channels. This merger should be about expanding the new TV technology, instead of relying on the 50yr old display format.

I support the merger. A single satellite company will still have cable as its primary competitor. The cable companies are using the rural customers as a way to stop the deal, because they fear it.