

I am a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide me more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

The combined company can offer all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. and will make satellite television a strong alternative to cable in my community. I want to be able to turn on my satellite TV to access my local news, weather and community information. Also, I am excited that the merger will make affordable high-speed Internet service by satellite available to me and over 40 million Americans who don't have high-speed Internet access. These tremendous benefits to consumers won't happen without the merger. This will give me a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to rural communities where cable modems and DSL are not likely to be available anytime in the near future.

I urge you to lend your support to this merger to improve all American's access to competitive television and Internet service.