

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am firmly behind this merger of satellite providers.

I work in the broadcasting industry so I can tell you with confidence that satellite television is far superior in quality than cable or standard antenna's.

I am disgusted that I am not allowed to receive network programming through my satellite provider because of legislation that prohibits such things. This is a free-market economy and I am astounded that the government dictates to me what television stations I can and cannot watch. My local television stations are inferior to the other networks that I could be getting via satellite. If technology is passing local affiliates by, so be it. When the car was invented the government didn't stop people from buying them because it would hurt the people that made horse buggies.

This merger should be approved without hesitation. Our government should be concerned with crime, homelessness, healthcare, security and the like. Stay out of the consumers way on things as trivial as television.

Sincerely,

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