

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Sirs,

I'm writing my own letter of support because I feel group letters may not be taken as seriously. So here goes.

I cannot receive NBC or the FOX networks. I live on the east side of Urbana Illinois, just out of cable range. Because of my location, even with attached antennas, I am not able to pull in these two networks. I do get ABC and CBS through my satellite provider (Dishnetwork) but not the other two. I have tried obtaining waivers but have been refused. I tried calling the two TV stations in my area to obtain their permission to receive waivers but have been totally ignored. I would love to obtain the right to view these two networks.

I guess I also support the merger because since I have become a satellite customer I can only get local news from New York. That is not local for me. I would love to receive the Champaign-Urbana programming again.

I guess my one reservation about this merger is that there will become a monopoly in satellite programming. I guess I'm willing to take the chance to receive local broadcasts again

Sincerely,

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