

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

We are in support of the Echostar merger because we live in a rural area of western NY and need the warnings of Dopplar radar in Buffalo, NY. In our close valley we cannot see severe storms from Lake Erie that can be very damaging. We have been hit by lightning without the slightest warning that cause over \$2000 in damage to our water well pump and appliances (all on surge protectors). Tornadoes frequent our area and without the availability of the Buffalo network warnings we are at the mercy of 'Mother Nature'. Please allow the merger to go through.

Sincerely,

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