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Michael Powell, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Powell:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

I understand that Dish Network (Echostar) is in the process of acquiring Direct TV from General Motors Corp. I am of the opinion that the acquisition by Dish Network would create a monopoly in the satellite TV market. The result of this would be damaging to American consumers resulting in increased charges, poor performance, and poor treatment of consumers.

I recommend that you do not approve or recommend such an acquisition by Dish Network.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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