

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I urge you to take timely action to support the immediate merger of Echostar and Direct TV. Other than 'big' cities that are getting limited High Definition TV(HDTV) We in uirban America, have only one hope and that is Satellite. The common excuse for limited broadcasts is 'not many are watching HDTV'. That is true but there is very little getting broadcast. That which is being broadcast is not on cable. I asked my cable provider and they said they had no plans to broadcast HDTV!!! I cannot receive the broad cast directly (too far). Cable will not provide. Satellite will provide but they need the increased broadcast capacity that will be a by-product of the merger. Basically there is too much foot dragging on this issue. PLEASE support rapid and immediate approval of the Satellite merger and LET'S GET ON with DIGITAL HDTV!!!!

Sincerely,

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