

I would like to support the merger of EchoStar and DirectTV. I have used both satellite providers since 1996 and found them responsive and competitive with other television providers. I live in an area in which I can receive no broadcast channels due to local terrain and have been forced to pick up Cincinnati stations via Cable. I have found the cable people completely insensitive to improvement of their services and yet due to current regulations I am not permitted to receive the same local Cincinnati stations from my current satellite provider, Dishnetwork, even though I am located within 50 miles and there are no closer broadcast stations. The proposed merger would finally allow me to receive local broadcast stations from my choice of provider. I am paying about \$14 per month to the cable provider to receive their 'basic' package which includes several duplicate network affiliated Louisville and Cincinnati stations. Please allow me to have a choice on who provides my local stations.