

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I urge you to support the Echostar Merger. Cable Companies do not offer service in my area and have no plans to in the future. The only choice we have is EchoStar but we cannot receive local programming. This means we cannot receive life saving weather updates nor can we veiw local news and events. We live in an area of the Country that is plagued by Tornadic weather and our lives depend on local weather braodcasts. We also do not have access to highspeed internet which would be resolved with the Echostar Merger. Every American should have the right to local programming and high speed internet. Do not deny us this freedom by discriminating against us!

Sincerely,

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