

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today about the merger of Echostar and Direct TV. I am on a limited income, live in a rural area of Iowa and cannot receive my local channels on the satellite dish. Other community members can afford cable TV, which is more expensive for fewer channels, therefore receiving local channels. I don't understand why cable TV can offer free local channels but satellite TV cannot!? PLEASE support the merger of these two satellite companies so I can receive the Des Moines stations local channels. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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