

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 ask your support in approving the Echostar/Direct TV merger. As a rural customer in Kansas, we would benefit greatly from the merger by being able to receive local channels and broadband internet access. This is important! The cable company in Topeka will never reach us, and if they did we wouldn't want it, as my past experiences with cable have been of poor service, frequent outages and high prices. We have had the Dish service for 5 years and it has been great. With the addition of local channels and broadband capability it will be outstanding. For my friends who live in the city limits of Topeka, the addition of local channels thru satellite will provide a true alternative to Cox Cable. I am a registered voter in Shawnee County. I urge you to vote YES on the merger.

Sincerely,

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