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Dear Mr. Wheeler;

I strongly OPPOSE the proposed merger between ATT and DirecTV!

I cannot envision a single legitimate consumer benefit - BUT can predict many harms; a partial list of which includes, higher prices, fewer choices, and lower service.

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

I am presently a DirecTV customer and pay approximately \$170/mo. (!) for garbage programming - mainly "info-mercials". Such egregious overcharging can, I feel, be directly attributed to the precious little meaningful governmental oversight currently in force. And, is perhaps also why DirecTV is now such a ripe plum. Thanks to the highly selective, anti-consumer, (in)actions of the FTC, DirecTV is a veritable unregulated money-printing machine!

Only a generation ago, AT&T was forcibly rendered in the public interest. What has changed?

Mr. Wheeler, I am disgusted by the anti-consumer, pro-corporate positions wrought by the revolving door between the halls of DC and corporate boardrooms.

Now is the time for the FTC to live up to its raison detre and protect the public interest.

REPRESENT ME!

Respectfully yours,

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