

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 urge you to NOT support the merger of Echostar and Hughes DirectTV satellite systems. With the current fiduciary issues in the cable and telecommunications industries, consolidation of the only two competing satellite systems will only reduce free market competition and clearly result in less consumer choice.

Please continue to help consumers have access to competitive options.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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