

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

Local channels are something important to our family so we can keep up to date on our local news and weather. We currently use the rabbit ears to receive local channels but it is fuzzy and not a very clear picture, and we are only 20 miles from Dayton! With the implementation of the Local channels to our area we will be able to receive our news in high quality. We know some people that have DirectTV but have to subscribe to cable to get their local broadcasts.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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