

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 not support the merger between EchoStar and HUGHES. I believe the merger will limit competition between cable and satellite TV providers and increase the cost of video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a monopoly of satellite TV providers because then there will be only one.

The combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in decreased competition in the broadband market and provide increased cost of high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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