

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 you today as a current satellite TV and cable TV subscriber who would like to support the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. I have had an opportunity to compare the two systems over the past six years or so. I have found that the satellite providers are consumer oriented and have constantly improved their product without a significant increase in costs while the cable companies continue to gouge me for more costs while maintaining the same terrible service and picture. I am fed up with this, but the only way the FCC will allow me to get local signals is via cable. I am located where I have no off the air signal so have to pay about \$15 every month for a terrible picture and frequent outages. The FCC has not allowed me to get the satellite signal from my nearest city.. Cincinnati, Ohio and I find their support of the local cable company here to be a gross affront on my personal rights to receive the signal of my choice. Apparently, the only way I will be able to get the signal from a local station is via this merger and therefore, I strongly support it. The current FCC policies are strongly leveraged toward support of the cable industry and it is high time that we allowed some honest competition between cable and satellites. Get the government out of the way and let them compete by allowing this merger to be completed rapidly.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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