

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 STOP THIS MERGER

This pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV, WILL PREVENT COMPETITION. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer, I believe the merger will DECREASE video and broadband choices for consumers like me because the combined company will provide DECREASED competition to cable companies.

The combined company will NOT compete AGAINST cable operators BUT LIMIT COMPETITION AND INCREASE PRICING IN THE LONG RUN.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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