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July 31, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: FCC Docket No. 01-348

Dear Chairman Powell:

On behalf of the citizens of City Of Kendleton, Tx I am writing to express our strong support for approval of the pending Echo Star Communications Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation merger.

If approved, I believe the merger will result in better services at lower costs for my community as well as those across the nation. It is imperative that communities across our nation have access to the latest information technology and the widest range of information possible.

Further, it is my understanding that this new company will be a stronger competitor to cable TV coverage in all 210 markets. Importantly, the new company would have the available spectrum to offer greater diversity in programming.

Taken together, I believe this merger will contribute significantly to closing the digital divide by making communication technology available for all of my citizens.

Accordingly, I urge you to act expeditiously to approve the merger.

Sincerely,

Mayor

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cc The Honorable Phil Gramm
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
The Honorable Eddie Bernice-Johnson, Chairperson, Congressional Black Caucus
The Honorable Marilyn Murrell, President, National Conference of Black Mayors
The Honorable Wellington Webb
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