

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 pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will decrease video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will remove competition to cable operators .

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in a decreased competition in the broadband market via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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