

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 not to 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 be a weak competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently already receive.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in decreased competition in the broadband market by providing an unaffordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

John Doe
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