

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. The level of service currently provided by DIRECTV is deplorable, and lessing competition in the satellite provider market will undoubtedly leave DIRECTV without any motivation to provide an acceptable level of service.

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.of my views.

Sincerely,

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