

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 cable, I am writing to urge you to STOP the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will create a monopoly as far as satellite companys go.

The combined company would be to strong of a competitor to cable operators as some local TV channels could be received via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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