

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

While on vacation last month, I watched the Senate hearings regarding HDTV on CSPAN. I was not impressed with the answers or attitude of the major affiliate executives. I'm wondering why they are delaying more HD broadcast. Their answer that not many HD sets are purchased is not quite true. Best Buy, Circuit City, World Wide Stereo, 6TH Avenue Electronics and Tweeter salespersons say the opposite. If you visit these stores or read their ads-HDTV is the hot item. Let's not delay technology any longer.

This letter is also in support of the DISH and DIRECT TV merger. I believe the only way to get more quality HDTV is by having one operator.

Sincerely,
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