

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I just heard on CNN last night 10/10/02, that the Dish/Direct merger was rejected for 'It would create a monopoly in rural areas'. I can tell you now that I am convinced that a monopoly has nothing to do with it. It is who can pay who off, the powers that be. It appears to me the merger would create a much needed competition for the cable companies for local broadcast.

Nothing is stopping the cable companies from going into rural areas, except for maybe greed. I live in Semmes Alabama and the only way I can get my local channels is to pay for cable. The reception is too bad even with a mounted exterior antenna. I am also a Dish Network subscriber. I would like to be able to only have one bill for my family's television viewing. The

ONLY monopoly I see is the one the cable companies have on Network broadcast. Please, please reconsider the merger. To say that this merger would create a monopoly is ludicrous. I would like to think there is some common sense in our government, and that it is not all corrupt.

Sincerely,

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