

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I have heard of the recent ruling by the FCC and am in total shock. How in the world can you deny local channels to everyone in the US. I heard how the FCC is concerned that there would only be one satellite company and no cable. Isn't funny for years that there was no competition for cable in many places for years and that was fine. Do you realize that the 2 satellite companies separately can't afford to have local channels in many areas, and the companies merged would hold the rate the same as everyone in the U.S. So in essence with your ruling you are giving rural areas no access to locals at all and also higher prices. I thought you people were for the consumer, it doesn't appear to be so. Please reconsider your ruling, you say you want competition for cable, but you don't give the satellite companies a level playing field. Why is it okay for the cable to keep merging for their benefit and not the satellite companies for the consumers benefit?

Sincerely,

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