

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 to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video choices for consumers like me.

Specifically, the merger promises to greatly increase the availability of HDTV material. This progress will put pressure on cable companies to increase their adoption of HDTV technology. The US legislator has continually reaffirmed support of HDTV, yet availability of this technology has been largely limited to over-the-air delivery greatly slowing consumer adoption. This merger offers an opportunity to stand behind HDTV and provide consumers with additional incentive to adopt this technology.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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