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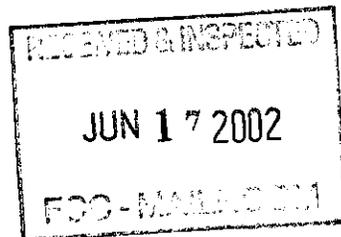
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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As Chief Executive Officer of the Iowa Association of REALTORS® and a past REALTOR® member, I have seen many changes take place in the real estate profession over the years. One of those changes is the need for better and faster technology regardless of where you live. Currently, our rural areas are suffering because they do not have the tools available to advance with technology.

I am writing to ask for your support of the merger between EchoStar and DirecTV so we can give these smaller communities the chance to thrive in a global marketplace. This merger will allow consumers who currently have no choices in high-speed internet, or even local internet dial-ups to be provided with options for the technology that most urban areas already have.

I believe the approval of the merger will provide an important tool for rural Iowans and the people who serve them.

Sincerely,

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