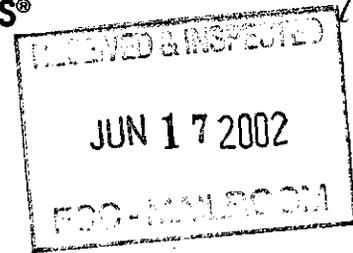


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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to request your support for the merger proposal between EchoStar and DirecTV.

We are living in times when you are left behind if you don't have the ability to access broadband internet or receive anything more than broadcast television channels. I am interested in the future growth of Iowa and our ability to compete nationally and internationally.

I have heard from several of my REALTOR® friends that they need to have high-speed Internet capabilities to help their own businesses grow and to help attract new businesses and people to their communities. I believe the collaboration between these two companies could make this a reality for many of our small towns.

This merger would be of great benefit to our rural areas and it is something that the public needs and wants. Thank you for your attention, and I hope you will approve the merger.

Sincerely,

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