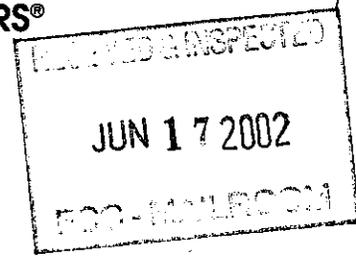


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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

In many rural Iowa communities, dependable and competitive television service is a challenge. Many homeowners have little or no ability to receive local television programming as a result.

The proposed merger of EchoStar and DirecTV would change this scenario for rural America by making more choices and solutions available to the general public. As a REALTOR®, I hear consumers asking about high-speed internet access and technology features for their homes, and in most rural Iowa areas these options are currently not available.

A proposal like this would deliver competitive technology to even the most remote locations, instantly allowing some of our smaller businesses and individuals to compete in the global marketplace.

I believe the approval of this merger could literally make a world of difference for some communities.

Sincerely,

Daniel Berry
REALTORS® Political Action Committee Chair
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