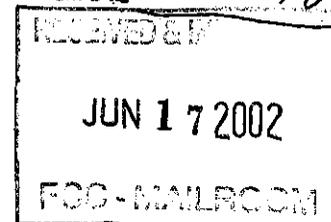


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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

On behalf of the Iowa Association of REALTORS®, I am writing to request your support for the merger proposal between EchoStar and DirecTV.

We have just finished our summer quarterly meetings and the issue of technology is always a hot topic of discussion. As REALTORS®, we are in contact with consumers and the public on a daily basis, and we listen to their concerns about the quality of life in our communities. Technology is a priority for our organization and Iowa consumers. Our rural community residents need to have these services available to them in order to be competitive and have the same opportunities as their peers who live in larger cities.

I discussed the possibility of this merger with REALTOR® members and they were overwhelmingly supportive. In response to their requests I have attached a letter that was drafted during our meetings to exhibit their enthusiasm for this merger. I am sorry that each letter could not be individualized for them to share their own experiences and concerns about this issue, but due to the time frame of your deliberations I thought it was important to at least pass along their names and a message of unanimous support.

I appreciate your consideration of this important issue, and hope that the merger will be approved for the benefit of all consumers.

Sincerely,

R. Scott Case  
President  
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