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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I **would** like your support for the merger that is currently before **the** Federal Communications Commission between EchoStar and DirecTV. 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, and if they do, they are **limited** to one cable provider.

The proposed merger of EchoStar and DirecTV would change **this** scenario for rural **Iowans** 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 area **these** options **are currently not** available.

A proposal like **this** merger 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 **this** approval of this merger could literally make a world of difference for some communities in Iowa.

Sincerely,

*Mark Grossman*

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