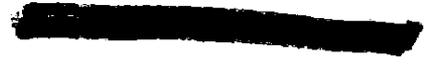




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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20541

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to request your support for the **merger** proposal between EchoStar and DirecTV, which is **before** the Federal **Communications Commission** for their consideration.

We are living in times when you may be 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 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 consideration, and I hope you will approve *the* merger.

Sincerely,

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