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Mr. Michael K. 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 that the FCC is considering between EchoStar and DirecTV.

If *this* merger is approved rural consumers in Iowa will have the opportunity to tune into learning programs, receive high-speed Internet access, and a diversity of channels. Today, broadband technology is proving to be one of the most versatile and powerful applications in the marketplace. More and more people are using the internet to schedule appointments, go shopping, take classes, and communicate with friends and family.

I appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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