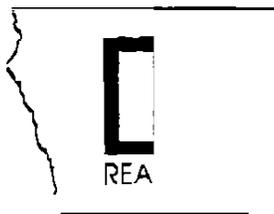


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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like to express my support for the merger proposal between Hughes and EchoStar. The Federal Communications Commission is currently considering the merger between these two companies. As an Iowa REALTOR®, I view this merger as a great opportunity to bring a much needed, innovative service to Iowa homeowners.

These two satellite providers have worked together to form a partnership that would bring high-speed Internet access and a wide menu of pay-TV offerings to the often forgotten rural population in America. Many Iowa homeowners are frustrated because they do not have access to these new technology options. This merger would provide them with the services they want, as well as, give them additional tools to create new opportunities for their communities.

It is important to ensure that rural areas have equal access to the types of technology that benefit our larger metropolitan areas. I believe this innovative idea will benefit the people of Iowa, and would ask for your support of this merger with the FCC. I appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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