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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 *you* consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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