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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 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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