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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like to convey my **support** for the EchoStar and Hughes Electronics merger proposal that the Federal Communications Commission is considering.

As a **REALTOR®** in Iowa, I have seen **many** changes **take** place in the real estate profession over **the** years. One of those changes **is** the need for better and faster technology regardless of **where** you live. Currently, **our** rural **areas** are suffering because they do not have the tools available to advance **with** technology.

I am **writing** to **ask** for your **support** of **this merger** so we can give the smaller communities the opportunity to thrive in a global marketplace. This merger **will allow consumers who currently have no choices in high-speed Internet, or even local Internet** did-ups to be provided with options for the technology **that most** urban areas already have.

I believe if the **FCC** approves this merger, it will provide **an** important tool for **rural Iowans** and the businesses that **serve them**.

Sincerely,

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