

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will GREATLY REDUCE video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a monopoly. There are no cable operators in my area, and the merger will surely lead to higher prices in an area with no competition.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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