

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

I am extremely dissatisfied with my local cable company, and believe that a stronger satellite company will provide me with the services and choice I am seeking.

More bandwidth will enable a satellite provider to offer high definition, higher quality and better services. In addition, the savings achieved by combining DirectTV with Echostar will create a company better able to compete with the cable monopolies.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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