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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

As a New York State Legislator, I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request your support of the pending merger between EchoStar Communications and Hughes Electronics (parent companies of Dish Network and DIRECTV). The success of this merger would be of great benefit to many companies, groups and individuals throughout New York State because it would allow upstate New Yorkers access to satellite based technological services.

Currently, a large majority of New Yorkers do not have access to digital cable or high speed broadband internet due to the fact that they live in rural areas. Because the district that I represent is mostly rural, I have seen firsthand the benefits that digital cable and high speed broadband internet would create for some many of my constituents. I would respectfully request your strong consideration to the approval of the EchoStar Communications and Hughes Electronics merger.

I very much appreciate your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Brian M. Kolb
Member of Assembly
129th Assembly District

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