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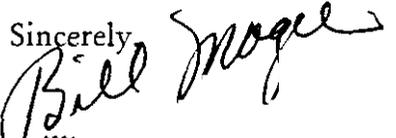
Re: EchoStar Communications/Hughes Electronics
Proposed Merger

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing to offer my strong support of the proposed merger between EchoStar Communications and Hughes Electronics as it will result in many and great benefits for consumers in New York State and across the United States.

This combining of the Dish Network and DIRECTV will prove to bridge the digital divide between those in urbanized and populated sections of New York State and those in the rural, agrarian sections like those I represent. Clearly, to expand our economy, our educational opportunities, our medical technology and, generally, the lives of those in and around the country, this merger must be approved.

In ending, I would only reiterate my stalwart support of this commonsense merger between EchoStar Communications and Hughes Electronics. As always, thank you for your assistance and consideration

Sincerely,

William Magee
Assemblyman 111th District

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