

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 DISAPPROVE the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will DECREASE video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

Echostar has a known written and verbal policy of not allowing any religious broadcasting on their satellites and have made it known that they will discontinue those religious programs already carried by DIRECTV. Thus I consider this an illegal restriction of FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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