

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 NOT support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer, I believe the merger will DECREASE video and broadband choices for consumers like me because the combined company will provide increased competition to cable companies.

The combined company will be a veritable goliath to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive, putting them out of business.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an unaffordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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