

It is my belief that the merger of these two companies would not be in the public interest. Creating a monopoly of satellite radio will stifle innovation and competitiveness. It will also reduce the diversity of programming. Saying iPods and pod casts are competition that justifies the merger is ridiculous. These two companies were formed in a competitive market and knew then that they would have to compete directly with FM and AM radio as well as each other when they formed if FM and AM alone do not justify having one satellite provider, as originally stipulated by the FCC, then adding iPods adds no more reason than terrestrial radio alone.