

To whom it may concern,

I am a satellite radio subscriber. I have greatly enjoyed the content and feel that it has been provided at a fair price. I am, however, concerned about the impending merger of XM and Sirius Satellite Radio. Currently, the two are in healthy competition. This competition has led them to make the best efforts to provide programming that is attractive to their customers while keeping the subscription prices affordable for most people.

If the companies merge, the incentive to provide the same level of quality will be greatly reduced. While the content they provide may be similar at a very basic level to traditional broadcast radio or digital music players, there are differences that do not make those direct competitors. Traditional radio does not often broadcast music or talk that meets my particular tastes. In some cases this is due to commercial viability and in others because of FCC regulation. I have a digital music collection, but it does not expose me to new music. It also does not provide me with access to live, non-musical content such as news, traffic and talk. The shortcomings of both mediums are addressed by the two satellite companies.

I feel that my needs as a consumer will not be met if these two companies are allowed to merge. I ask that the FCC deny the request by these companies to wave regulations that currently keep them as separate entities.