

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am inquiring about the announcement of a merger between XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio. I am currently a subscriber to one of these services and I have read the press release on the XM website. In reading this, I have become concerned the ratification of a merger between the two companies will not be in the best interest of the consumer, as they are two competing platforms and a merge will eliminate competition, reduce services, and reduce value for the consumer.

There has been a pro-merger argument that the satellite medium is in fact competing against the so-called "terrestrial" radio medium, but this is not the case, as this medium is a free service, and encompasses news, public, and emergency broadcasting, as well as free entertainment. Satellite radio is a premium service that in reality augments the free radio medium by delivering an array of services that differs from what free radio currently offers.

I hope to urge a complete and thorough review of this planned merger, as it will most certainly create a monopolistic atmosphere and reduce competition and choices for the consumer.

Sincerely,

Lou Ricchiuti