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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Martin,

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the proposed merger of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio. With the emergence of this new market, new issues arise in its regulation.

While it is true that the market has grown, questions regarding this proposed merger and any anti-trust implications must be considered. This merger could stifle competition and hurt consumers. With no alternatives to regulate the market, this proposed merger could hurt consumers by removing choice and potentially increasing subscription prices.

A merger such as this also has the potential to undermine our local radio stations, which are an important source for public service announcements, community news, and health and safety information. Last year alone, "Amber Alerts" helped rescue sixty-seven children.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Member of Congress

Representative John Conyers
Senator Herb Kohl
Chairwoman Deborah Platt Majoras

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