

Dear FCC, The merger of Sirius Satellite Radio with XM Satellite Radio Holdings would consolidate existing satellite radio technologies and programming. The consolidation would (1) ensure continued U.S. dominance of the satellite radio industry, (2) make U.S. satellite radio broadcasting more attractive to foreign subscribers, (3) allow vehicle manufacturers to install satellite radios that receive all available satellite radio broadcasts, and (4) provide consumers with all satellite radio programming. As it is, with our fragmented satellite radio industry, the two companies are unsuccessful, shareholders are losing money, there is little or no foreign market, and both vehicle manufacturers and consumers have to decide which half of the whole they'll buy. Imagine, for example, having access to all the sports programming as the seasons progress through soccer, baseball, football, basketball, hockey, etc. This consolidation would benefit shareholders, consumers, manufacturers, our economy, and our image abroad. It would also provide additional competitive stimulus to other forms of entertainment and public information, including television, broadcast radio, digital radio, and portable music players. Thanks for the hearing. . . . Ron