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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary, FCC  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,:

I support this merger. Currently potential subscribers need to decide which they prefer more XMSR or Sirius. Both providers have a lot of exclusive sports programming. Instead of choosing either Nascar (Sirius) or major league baseball (XMSR) I could get both from the same provider.

There are many listening options currently available that compete with satrad. There are CD ipods, free terrestrial radio, HD radio, etc. I am not concerned about pricing. Given the competition that is out there such as free radio, there is a limit to how much consumers will be willing to pay for satrad. If the price escalates too much, they will lose their customer base to these competitors.

I think that to view satrad as a market by itself does not make sense. It is part of the audio entertainment industry.

In fact, I think that it is almost comical to view satrad as a monopoly. Take a good look at free terrestrial radio and you will see that Clear Channel Communications owns over 1200 radio stations nationwide. That is an average of 23 radio stations per state for every state in the country. If that isn't monopolistic control of the market, then I don't know what is. I believe that this monopolistic control by Clear Channel is why terrestrial radio has become so bland, repetitive, and boring.

This merger is in the best interest of the consumer.

Sincerely,

George Purtell