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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation; Application for Authority  
to Transfer Control of XM Radio Inc. and Sirius Satellite  
Radio Inc., MB Docket No. 07-57**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

FamilyNet Radio, the voice of Christian Talk on SIRIUS Satellite Radio Channel 161, is a strong supporter of the pending merger of SIRIUS and XM Satellite Radio. This merger will expand the reach of FamilyNet by millions of listeners and, therefore, significantly enhance our ability to bring Christian Talk to interested consumers. We believe that increasing the range of FamilyNet and other specialized programming networks via satellite radio greatly will serve the public interest.

Every day, FamilyNet brings its listeners a rich blend of family-friendly and faith-based news and entertainment. Some of our most popular offerings include:

- *Mornings with Lorri & Friends*, a one-hour daily program featuring interviews with political, cultural, and religious leaders. Listeners also are provided with in-depth analysis of issues that are important to families, believers, and seekers;
- *Turning Point with David Jeremiah*, hosted by the founder of *Turning Point Radio and Television Ministries*, which aims to communicate God's Word with integrity and to promote ministry in the lives of listeners; and
- *Hope in the Night*, a two-hour nightly call-in counseling program that helps people to resolve their personal problems with biblical hope and practical help.

There is a powerful demand for this type of programming among Christian audiences and for innovative and user-friendly ways to deliver it to listeners.

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FamilyNet has found satellite radio to be an ideal medium for bringing our message to consumers, particularly those that live in remote areas and may not be able to access such programming through traditional radio or other means. We support any efforts, including the proposed Sirius-XM merger, that will help satellite radio survive and continue to benefit the public for many years to come.

Finally, we are aware of arguments that have been made by some opponents to this merger that it will be harmful to programmers, such as FamilyNet. These parties contend that this merger will have a negative impact on programmers because it will give them one fewer option when seeking distribution for their networks. FamilyNet believes these arguments hold little credibility. Audio programmers will continue to have many distribution avenues available to them after this merger. In fact, it is our understanding that the merger will create *more* programming opportunities on satellite radio, by enabling Sirius and XM to remove duplicative channels and thereby increase channel capacity.

For all of the reasons provided herein, FamilyNet urges the FCC to approve the Sirius-XM applications as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
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Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell