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FCC  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC:

To whom this may concern,

I have been a subscriber to both XM and Sirius for a little over 3 years now and I think that this merger would benefit people like me the most. I subscribe to both services because of the sports coverage offered by both XM and Sirius and right now, I shell out well over \$45 a month to put subscriptions on multiple radios.

If this merger were to be approved, people like me would benefit the most. This notion that is being floated around that it will somehow hurt consumers is ridiculous. Right now, satellite radio is losing out to other forms of media and whether or not these other forms of media are directly in competition with satellite radio is irrelevant. The fact is that MP3 players, internet radio and even portable gaming units like the Playstation Portable are all cutting into the satellite radio market as a whole. These other forms of entertainment don't need to give consumers other satellite radio options, they give them other entertainment options.

As a result, the 2 satellite radio companies are forced to battle for a fragmented audience and the audience is forced to then choose between one or the other or to spend an unfair amount of money each month to receive service from both. How does this current market help me as a consumer, I ask? The answer is simple. It does not nor is it fair anyone, especially the consumers, the people that these laws were supposedly designed to

protect.

Please do what is right here and allow this merger. Even if you have to closely regulate the business aspect of the new combined company to ensure that they will in fact be doing this to benefit consumers, that would be fine but do not let this current situation continue to divide the satellite radio industry and it's listeners. That is just simply a lose-lose proposition for all involved.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Conte