

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Vice President and General Manager of two local AM radio stations, one in San Francisco, California and one in Modesto, California. These are the only two radio stations owned and operated by our company.

This letter is to register my opposition to the proposed XM-Sirius merger as a local broadcaster and, more importantly, as an American. To put it simply, I do not believe that the FCC should be in the business of saving failing business models. In my opinion, that is really what the merger is all about.

You will no doubt be deluged with well written arguments and research from all sides of this issue, and I'm sure that more than a few people stand to make a lot of money if you allow the merger to take place.

I urge you to resist the pressure and stick to the original mandate; namely, that two companies would be granted National Licenses to guarantee competition in the marketplace. If one wins and the other loses, so be it. If both lose, then the consumer has chosen other options.

This merger is simply a scheme to avert the harsh reality of the free market. Internet and Terrestrial broadcasters have to compete both within their own platforms and with other platforms. The same is true for most non-broadcast business enterprises. Why should XM and Sirius Satellite get to play by a different set of rules?