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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear FCC:

I firmly believe that the merger should be allowed, if for no other reason than the obvious efforts by the NAB to kill the deal. The issue is really about a potential monopoly and the NAB's efforts clearly indicate that terrestrial radio and satellite radio are in direct competition with one another. I'm all for government control of monopolies when there truly is one; examples being the break up of Ma Bell and Standard Oil's death grip on gas and oil years ago, but this is clearly not the case with satellite radio. The best example that I can cite for this is an AM/FM receiver with a built-in cassette and CD player. Okay, it's been a while since cassette was offered in this fashion, but how far afield would an AM/FM and Satellite receiver with a CD player and iPod docking plug be? Essentially all five of these systems compete with one another and you can count on them being a staple in automobiles and in home systems while all five mediums remain popular. Just like cassettes are passe' and have gradually disappeared from equipment offerings, so will one or more of these other technologies become obsolete. I'm old enough to have had an eight track player which I remember distinctly purchasing from a dealer in Green Bay Wisconsin that ran ads that read; "Muntz 4 and 8 track players". Many people have either forgotten that there ever was a 4 track player or are too young to recall it. My point here is that technology is as fickle as fashion trends are; here today, gone tomorrow. Please give satellite radio its day in the sun by helping one stronger, better service survive and let the consumer decide which technology they will choose. In this brief message I have mentioned 8 technologies that have spanned less than 40

years; AM, FM, 4 track, 8 track, Casette, CD, Satellite and iPod docking
plugs. Please allow the merger of Sirius and XM.

Sincerely,

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