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FCC
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204
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Dear FCC:

I can't imagine why this merger proposal is taking so much time. The Mobil/Exxon merger was approved quicker! This is radio folks. Oil is a human necessity, not radio. If people don't want pay for radio, they still have the option of terrestrial radio, internet radio, ipods, etc. I can't imagine who this merger would harm, other than the main proponent of the merger, the NAB. Could it be because they are in COMPETITION with satellite radio? Oh, did I say COMPETITION? So what is the problem, huh? Well, let me venture to guess that this is a political issue, in which politicians are looking out not for the consumer, but for thier own pocketbooks. Example in point: Senator Kohl from Wisconsin openly opposing the merger. The same Senator who owns the Milwaukee Bucks, and has a deal w/ the local AM station to air Bucks games. Given that Sirius has a contract with the NBA, this MIGHT be seen as a slight conflict of interest, and one that Senator Kohl should keep his mouth shut on. Actually, in my mind, this borders on criminal and he should be removed from office. Stop the nonsense already, and approve this merger in a timely matter. Being a fan of both the NBA and MBL, I would love to have these two companys merge so that I would only have to own one piece of equipment and pay only one subscription price. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chris Johnston

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