

I support the petition to deny filed by Common Cause, Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union and Free Press. The proposed XM-Sirius merger will stifle competition, raise prices and reduce programming choices. Satellite radio is a distinct market from local radio, Internet radio and iPods as terrestrial radio does not provide the commercial-free programming and reach of satellite radio and Internet radio does not yet provide the portability and instant-on convenience of either terrestrial and satellite radio.