

I urge the FCC to reject the request of XM and Sirius Satellite Radio to merge and become a monopoly. Not only is the proposed monopoly clearly in violation of FCC rules that prohibited such a merger when the spectrum was allocated to the two satellite companies, but both companies have continually thumbed their noses at the FCC's requirement that they provide technology that enables consumers to listen to either service with the same equipment. These companies cannot be trusted to do anything they may be promising to do in the future...they will undoubtedly "rate gouge" and be non-responsive to consumer complaints, should this merger-monopoly be approved. Finally, all of the sports and entertainment programming currently available on free radio would be scooped up by a monopolistic satellite radio entity, thus depriving much of the public of the ability to hear the programming they expect to hear on free, over-the-air radio. There is no conceivable way that approval of this monopolistic merger could ever be considered to be "in the public interest". It is, as it was intended to be, only in the "interest" of the shareholders of these failing satellite radio companies.