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Federal Communications Commission
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Commissioner Robert McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
Room 8-C302
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner McDowell:

I know you are well aware that the FCC will soon decide whether or not to approve the proposed merger between the two previously competing companies XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio. A merger of the two companies providing satellite radio services would create a true monopoly.

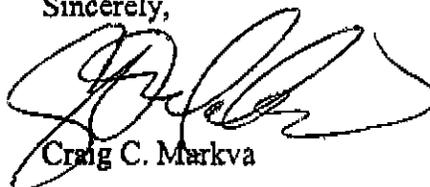
This new monopoly would wield an incredible amount of power over consumers who want this service. The companies claim that the merger would only enhance service for their customers. However, the reality is that their technology does not allow them to expand their service beyond their existing capacities and by adding additional channels, the quality of the transmission would become poor.

The real problem is that these companies have mismanaged their resources and spent an incredible amount of money to secure talent – I cite Howard Stern and their willingness to reward him with a \$500 million contract. I haven't met anyone who thought this decision was good business. Their shortsighted business plan has forced these companies to search for a way to raise more revenue. They are now expecting the FCC to rubber stamp their bailout plan.

If the merger is approved, consumers will pay through higher fees or being subjected to commercials on a service that was sold to them with the promise that it would be "commercial-free."

This merger needs to be rejected and the people of this nation are asking you to lead the charge against it.

Sincerely,



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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Rob,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the last days of summer.

I hope you had safe travels wherever you may have visited this summer. Maybe you had a satellite radio on board during your travels. While listening to local (terrestrial) radio is a great way to learn about news, sports, traffic and weather in unfamiliar territory, satellite...either XM or Sirius...is a wonderful way to stay tuned to news, talk and music whenever weak AM and FM signals could mean long drives without clear reception devoid of static.

I listen to satellite radio a great deal down here in Surry and in my car while traveling throughout Virginia and beyond.

I am firmly opposed to the merger of XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio, and hope that you will do everything you can to oppose it.

I know you've heard about many of the problems that would be created if this merger were allowed to go through. One issue you may not be aware of is the impact on rural consumers. Satellite radio has been particularly popular in areas of our country that do not have many traditional radio stations. Up until now, satellite radio has been an inexpensive way for them to receive some fresh programming.

As you may be aware, neither XM nor Sirius has an endless space for new channels, complicating companies' promise to provide the "best of both services." Because XM or Sirius would have to cram more channels into this space, the quality of the signal would be degraded. Again, this would leave many rural Americans with bad reception - and that hardly seems fair, since most rural subscribers probably paid for satellite radio specifically for improved reception.

In addition, in the event that the merger is approved and becomes reality, I wonder whether or not those of us who bought our satellite radio receivers, XM or Sirius, may have to purchase new equipment and/or programming subscriptions. Without competition, I fear this may be an expensive probability.

I hope you will take my thoughts into consideration when discussing this proposal. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

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With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Henry Doggett, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "D".

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

The Honorable Tom Davis
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Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Commissioner McDowell:

I am writing today to voice my strong opposition to the merger of XM and Sirius Satellite Radio. Allowing the only two satellite radio companies to merge would create a classic monopoly that would cost consumers more while giving them less choice and a lower quality service.

A merged XM/Sirius monopoly will drive up prices for consumers. While the new company says it will offer some lower-priced packages, many current subscribers may have to buy higher-priced premium packages to get the same channels they currently enjoy. Who knows how much more they would have to pay to take advantage of the full range of channels offered by both companies.

XM and Sirius claim that their merger would allow consumers to have access to more channels by giving subscribers access to both services. What these companies don't say is that their spectrums are actually limited, so both services will be forced to eliminate current channels in order to make room for those coming in from the other service. If they do manage to squeeze some new channels in, the quality of the transmission will be compromised, leaving consumers with poor reception and a bigger bill.

I hope you will take my thoughts into consideration and work to ensure that this merger proposal is rejected.

Sincerely,



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