

Dear Chairman Martin, I am writing to state my opposition to the monopoly which will be created by the proposed XM/Sirius satellite radio merger. I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to reject this plan.

As the only two providers of satellite radio, a merger between XM and Sirius would create a monopoly over the entire satellite radio market. With no source of competition, consumers will be forced to pay whatever the new provider charges or purchase new costly receivers to take advantage of both companies' channels.

Additionally, it is important to consider the impact of the merger on Americans who live in markets with few local radio options such as rural areas. Individuals in these markets rely on satellite radio as more than just a luxury, so higher costs will hit them hardest.

The FCC understood the danger of a satellite radio monopoly years ago, specifically prohibiting XM and Sirius from merging in each company's respective license. The risks are no different today.

Please reject the proposed XM/Sirius monopoly.

Sincerely,

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