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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-B204

Re: Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control of XM Radio Inc. and Sirius
Satellite Radio Inc., MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Ms. Dortch,

As an organization representing the interests of Latinos employed in the IT, IS, and telecommunications industry, the Latinos in Information Science and Technology Association (LISTA) has seriously considered the impact a merger of Sirius and XM satellite radio will have on minority telecommunications professionals and the broader Hispanic listening audience. For the reasons outlined below, LISTA urges the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to approve the pending merger between Sirius and XM.

At the core of LISTA's work is a commitment to increasing Latino representation in the information sciences, telecommunications and technology industries. We believe a combined Sirius-XM will strengthen satellite radio and the broader audio entertainment market, opening the door to expanded programming, employment, business and production opportunities for Latino technology professionals and entrepreneurs who are interested in the satellite industry.

Both SIRIUS and XM are competing in a complex, rapidly evolving market of cutting edge technology and innovation. By merging, the companies will stand to greatly benefit from shared technical knowledge and combined resources that will in turn improve opportunities for Hispanics in this field. The two companies are using their role as innovators to help educate and train more Hispanic engineers, programmers, and others integral to satellite radio while developing opportunities in business. A stronger, more competitive satellite radio company will enhance opportunities for Latinos in technology and telecommunications, helping bridge the digital divide.

In addition, LISTA supports an improved satellite radio and the continued development of the technology which will ensure that there is continued growth for Latinos and our community in this industry and help the development of Latino professionals in and expand the science and technology of satellite radio

In closing, LISTA believes a combined company will make satellite programming more diverse and accessible to our community. In light of these benefits to minority technology professionals we urge the FCC to approve the Sirius-XM merger.

If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at this telephone number 917-578-0521.



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Cordially,

President/CEO and Founder
LISTA

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