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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
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Dear Chairman Martin:

As the Federal Communications Commission deliberates the proposed merger between XM Satellite Radio (XM) and Sirius Satellite Radio (Sirius), I am writing to express my support for this merger because I believe it will foster more competition in the audio entertainment marketplace.

I firmly believe that terrestrial broadcasters are essential to promoting localism and play an extremely important role in our communities. I also commend them for their commitment to serving the public interest.

As you are aware, satellite radio offers consumers an innovative choice in audio entertainment. And I believe that the proposed merger of Sirius and XM will further enhance the caliber of options available in the burgeoning market for audio entertainment. Competition is important because it provides consumers with more choices together with lower prices.

In particular, I am encouraged by the surge of competition in the audio entertainment industry that has been spurred by new technologies such as MP3 players, Internet radio, satellite radio, and music enabled cell phones. The proposed merger will enable satellite radio to become a stronger competitor and will drive all other players in the market, including terrestrial radio, to focus on making their services even more appealing to consumers.

With less than 4% of the listening public, satellite radio is a small player in broad entertainment marketplace, but I believe its success is very important to consumers. Merger synergies will allow Sirius and XM to offer more programming options at lower prices and provide consumers with greater, and more affordable, audio entertainment options.

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I appreciate your receptiveness to my concerns and look forward to the approval of the Sirius and XM merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Mack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CONNIE MACK  
Member of Congress