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FCC
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204
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Dear FCC:

To whom it may concern;

I support the Sirius/XM merger and here's why...

My family owns 2 iPods and we spend over \$30 each month on music downloads, podcasts, and audiobooks.

We buy audiobooks from Audible.com every once in a while. They're great for long car trips. We're currently listening to the Stand by Stephen King which (but only when our 3 year old isn't in the car)

We own over 700 music cd's., tapes, and vinyl records. Our multi-component entertainment system has been with me through 2 homes and almost 20 years of wear and tear.

My daughter belongs to a cd of the month club and we're treated every few weeks with a new album. We all vote on keeping the cd or we send it back. It has become a fun game with our family..sort of like "CD Survivor".

I listen regularly to terrestrial radio (a.m and f.m). My girlfriend's daughter is a regular caller into programs such as the Z100 Morning Zoo (New York) and WPLJ's Scott & Todd morning show. Last week we entered her into her first radio contest (fingers crossed. hope she remembers the phrase that pays).

Vin Scelsa's Saturday Night Radio on Fordham University's WFUV station is one of my favorite things in the universe. I can attribute my large cd collection to his spiritual guidance.

On Sundays (Chore Day) we tune into channels 800 through 820 on the Cable TV box to listen to 80's alternatives and Jazz Standards as we vacuum, twist, shout and do the Neutron Dance. Our kids think we have the strangest rituals...and dance moves.

I subscribe to Sirius Satellite Radio. I have a portable radio in my car and I also stream it at work from my desktop pc. I listen to Bruce Springsteen, the Rolling Stones to wake me up during my commute and Sirius Coffee House at my desk to help me cope with office stress.

I was planning on getting my girlfriend XM for christmas this year because she she just started her own business from home and there are some stations she likes that aren't available on Sirius. (I also like the idea of having both since it was a very tough decision when I could only afford 1 subscription.)

With all these options for programmed music...iTunes, emusic, my cable tv music channels, my daughter's thirst for new tunes, my cd/record collection, the "old fashioned" radio, I can't see how the merger between Sirius and XM would be seen as creating a monopoly in the programmable music industry. Please help me understand why there is so many media reports on the backlash this announcement has stirred.

I say YES to the merger. Please pass this encouragement to any decision makers within your influence.

Thanks,

On Sundays (clean

Sincerely,

Michael John Blaskewicz