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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
4343 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proposed Transfer of The Direct TV Group, Inc.
(MB Docket No. 07-18)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Indiana Broadcasters Association hereby supports the North Dakota Broadcasters (NDB) in their effort to have any grant of the pending Transfer of Control of The DirecTV Group, Inc. conditioned on DirecTV's providing, on a timely basis, full local into local television service in all 210 U.S. Markets, for the reasons cited by the NDB.

In Indiana, neither Terre Haute (market size 151, with 145,380 households) nor Lafayette (market size 189, with 66,330 households) has local into local service from DirecTV, although Terre Haute is served by DishTV with local into local service. Broadcasters serve the public interest by maintaining a high standard of public service. The same public interest would be served if satellite television providers were required to deliver local television channels to residents of rural America.

Local television stations provide a unique service to rural areas with timely weather reports, closings, hazards, local news and so forth. The FCC has put great emphasis on the Emergency Alert System in order create the availability of emergency information. It would be ironic if the decision was made that the public interest does not require DBS providers to carry local stations in rural areas.

Sincerely,

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