

The Metropolitan Opera

Peter Gelb

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The Honorable Thomas Barnett
Assistant Attorney General
Antitrust Division
United States Department of Justice
950 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Assistant Attorney General Barnett and Chairman Martin:

On behalf of Metropolitan Opera Radio, I am writing to express my support for the proposed merger of SIRIUS Satellite Radio and XM Satellite Radio. Metropolitan Opera Radio is an extraordinary 24-hour channel that presents listeners nationwide with four thrilling live performances a week from the Met stage, as well as classic recordings from the company's vast broadcast archives. Without this programming on SIRIUS Channel 85, many listeners would never be able to experience the beauty and excitement of the Metropolitan Opera.

One of the qualities I admire most about satellite radio is its broad spectrum of music programming. Whether you're an opera lover like me, or you prefer jazz, hip-hop, bluegrass, or folk music, you can find a station you'll love on satellite radio. With the merger of SIRIUS and XM, consumers will be able

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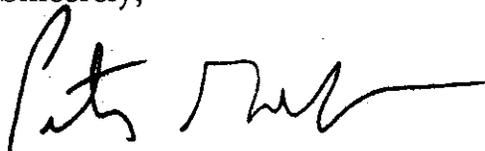
to tailor their service to their own individual preferences with new à la carte packages that won't require them to pay for stations they don't want.

For people with more eclectic tastes, the merger will offer even greater choice than is currently available, as subscribers from each service will have access to both services' diverse programming. Through the "Best of Both" programming option, channels like Metropolitan Opera Radio will be available to a whole new audience who would otherwise have had to pay for two separate radios and two subscriptions to hear it.

This opportunity is especially important for listeners living in rural areas, who are often limited in the content available to them on traditional radio. Satellite radio offers this audience a robust alternative to their AM/FM dial, with hundreds of specialized channels that provide them with content normally reserved for those who live in major urban centers. A successful merger of XM and SIRIUS would make available even more programming options to the many listeners living in rural America.

I strongly encourage the Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission to approve without delay the pending merger of SIRIUS and XM.

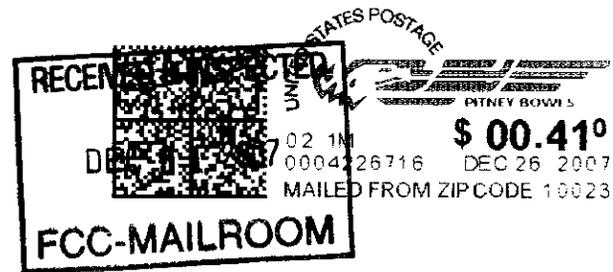
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Gelb", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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