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FCC  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC:

The endless deliberation by FCC and DOJ over the merger of Sirius and XM satellite radio is both blantly anti-competitive and anti-consumer choice.

On my Sirius radio I can listen to dozens of diverse musical styles, genres, and periods all without commercial interruption, Liberal and Conservative talk shows, all manner of political programming, Catholic programming, National Public radio, non-stop financial news, up to the minute on demand traffic and weather, all manner of comedy and controversial talk radio, major league football games. All with perfect reception anywhere in the country. I want major league baseball, football, and NASCAR from a single source. I want to choose which stations I subscribe. I want the growth of Sirius/XM to create more jobs and opportunities for investors as well as more choice for those consumers who choose to subscribe. It might even improve the content on boring terrestrial radio when faced with increased competition.

Satellite radio is a vital service to me. The thought that my government is delaying the progress and expansion of this service under pressure from the terrestrial radio lobby and local radio is most dismaying, especially in view of the much lesser scrutiny given oil company mergers which have cost me and all Americans many thousands of dollars. I expect better from the finest government in the world. It is unfair and seemingly constitutes restraint of trade to continue to hinder the growth of this

medium because broadcast radio does not want the competition.

I shall cast my vote for the first Presidential candidate to give voice and notice of this distressing problem. My future choices for my elected officials will take into account the notice or lack thereof afforded this issue.

Sincerely,

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