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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Submission; Consolidated Application for Authority to  
Transfer Control of XM Radio Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.  
MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Chairman Martin:

The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) recently commended the Department of Justice for issuing its long-awaited decision regarding the XM-Sirius merger. The Justice Department's decision will provide confidence to consumers and clarity in the satellite radio marketplace.

CEA recognizes that the FCC also has been working hard to evaluate the merits of the proposed merger. Consumers are awaiting Justice Department and FCC action to purchase satellite radio systems, so the marketplace eagerly awaits a definitive decision.

We appreciate the FCC's detailed review of the proposed merger and we urge the Commission to act quickly to conclude its own review of this pending merger.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Shapiro".

Gary Shapiro  
President and CEO

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate  
The Honorable Robert M. McDowell  
Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary (for filing in MB Docket 07-57)