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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
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Dear Chairman Martin,

The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the largest and most influential advocate for the nation's 2.5 million Hispanic-owned businesses, urges the Federal Communications Commission to reject the proposed merger of XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite since the Department of Justice reached the unfortunate and alarming decision that the merger should be allowed to proceed. It is our hope that the Federal Communications Commission will concur with our opinion and reject the merger in order to protect the public from this proposed monopoly of the nation's satellite radio market.

Hispanic-owned businesses in every congressional district in United States play an increasingly vital role in our nation's economy and are leading economic growth in all sectors of the American economy. Allowing XM and Sirius to merge could have an expensive and negative affect on the Hispanic business community. A merged entity would be able to charge predatory advertising rates, and offset the lost revenue with higher subscription rates for its national, mobile radio services. The affect of these monopolistic activities would be felt especially amongst Hispanic radio broadcasters. Additional economic pressures will be placed on Hispanic radio broadcasters and likely lead to substantial degradation of the Hispanic radio market. As a result, Hispanic businesses looking to advertise on Hispanic radio stations will suffer, as it will become more difficult for these businesses to reach their target demographic.

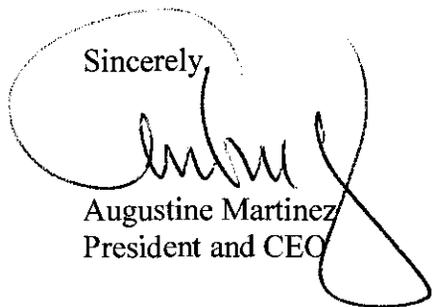
Contrary to what merger proponents have argued, a combined XM and Sirius organization would not be positioned to fairly share our nation's airwaves or consumers. A merged XM and Sirius would command more than 16 million subscribers at the outset, a figure most analysts predict could exceed 30 million by 2011. XM and Sirius have already poached a number of free radio's biggest stars, further disadvantaging already struggling local stations. These outlets, a critical source of local news for untold numbers of minority and rural communities, could easily collapse under the combined weight of an XM-Sirius monolith.

The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce urges you to reject the merger of XM and Sirius for the reasons mentioned. Such a scenario is

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economically dangerous and potentially ruinous for consumers and
broadcasters alike.

Sincerely,

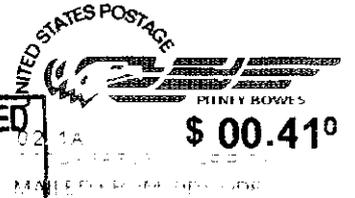
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Augustine Martinez', with a large, stylized flourish extending downwards and to the right.

Augustine Martinez
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