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

Dear FCC:

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing as a Sirius Satellite Radio subscriber to urge the FCC to allow the proposed merger between Sirius and XM to proceed without further delay.

Since I first subscribed to Sirius in early 2006, I have thoroughly enjoyed the unique programming offered. I gladly (and completely voluntarily) paid my subscription fee so I could listen to commercial free music that better fit my tastes than the dreck packaged and forced on terrestrial radio by the recording industry.

I chose Sirius for two basic, selfish reasons...They had a better selection of music I enjoyed than XM, and they had the contract to carry my alma mater's football games in the fall. Since I no longer live in the media market of this university, satellite radio was the best option for games that weren't televised.

Unfortunately, last year the athletic conference of my alma mater signed a contract to have their sports carried by XM.

When the Sirius/XM merger was proposed, I was optimistic that the merger would be approved in time for me to listen to games on the combined service so I wouldn't have to purchase an additional satellite receiver

and subscription plan. Alas, the government and regulatory authorities have moved on this matter at their typical glacial pace.

I know that this reasoning is self-serving, but no more so than the opposition from terrestrial radio and their advocates.

While the proposed combination of XM and Sirius may create a technical monopoly in the satellite radio space, I believe that the public is better served by having the ability to choose satellite radio represented by one healthy company than have no choice at all because the two companies were unable to survive independently.

The CEOs of XM and Sirius have put forth a plan that will keep subscriber costs down, but will allow us to choose the content we want from both line-ups. This give the subscriber increased choice without increased cost. Since this is an entirely voluntary service, there is no harm to the consumer. If consumer costs do go up, the consumers can choose to cancel their subscriptions altogether.

Please stop holding up this merger, and the subscribers, hostage. Allow the merger to proceed quickly. This bureaucratic stalling is doing far more harm to the consumer than this "monopoly" ever could.

Regards,

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