

**VIA ECFS**

June 10, 2008

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

Re: **MB 07-57**

Dear Chairman Martin:

We are writing today as representatives of a vast array of communities to reiterate our support for the proposed merger of Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Satellite Radio. As you will recall, more than a year ago, several groups submitted comments in this proceeding highlighting our support for the Sirius-XM merger. We continue to look forward to the consummation of this merger and the benefits to diversity in programming that it promises to our constituents. After more than a year of deliberation, we respectfully ask that the FCC render a decision in this matter as swiftly as possible.

Satellite radio is a critical medium for minority communities, making available a wide range of diverse programming that is not generally available on traditional broadcast outlets. The economics of satellite radio have already proven that providing diverse programming such as ESPN Deportes, "The Foxxhole" with Jamie Foxx, CNN Español, sports talk with Tiki and Ronde Barber and others is essential to attracting subscribers from the growing minority populations in the United States.

To this end, we feel that merger synergies will increase competition in the radio industry generally by providing a strong and healthy platform on which a range of new and diverse programmers can thrive. Both Sirius and XM have a proven commitment to diversity and have made clear their interest in placing diverse programming in their lineup. It is with these assurances from XM and Sirius that we continue to believe that a combined Sirius and XM will offer programming that will benefit our constituents.

We hope that you will expeditiously approve the Sirius-XM merger so that the competitive benefits of the merger can be realized.

Respectfully submitted,

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