

Dear Deborah Tate,

I am writing this brief comment to you as an average American taxpayer. The XM-Sirius merger review has gone on long enough. It cannot be any more clear that the main opposition to this merger is the industry's main competitor, terrestrial radio. That being said, there is no monopoly. From the statements I have read regarding the opposition to the merger, you can clearly see that they are not worried about consumers but clearly their profit margin is shrinking. I, as a consumer, have many resources to choose from in the music industry. Cd's, free radio, ipod, cell phone, all of which can provide what Satellite Radio offers. Satellite Radio does not offer any service that is a necessity to a person's daily life, Satellite Radio is nothing more but a luxury item. Should this merger go through and they begin offering a service that is either too costly or inefficient in quality, the average consumer would simply drop their subscription and continue on with their normal everyday life. More and more I read of all the stipulations that need to be addressed in order for the merger to happen, and each one has a clear underlining statement of terrestrial radio trying to capture the growing popularity of Satellite Radio. Please stop wasting taxpayer money and proceed with making a decision, thank you very much for taking the time to read this