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

Re: MB Docket No. 07-57, Consolidated Applications for Authority to Transfer
Control of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin,

I have concerns with the potential merger of our nation's only satellite radio providers, XM and Sirius Satellite Radio companies. I am writing to express my support for conditions to be put on the proposed merger, specifically a mandate for all new satellite receivers that incorporate analog AM/FM to also include HD Radio technology. I feel that this condition would prove successful in ensuring fair competition between satellite and terrestrial radio.

To date, more than 1,700 radio stations have invested approximately \$170 million in upgrading to HD Radio. I am concerned that the conditions currently being considered by the Federal Communications Commission may not be sufficient in preventing the merged satellite company from having a chilling effect on the future rollout of HD Radio. However, ensuring that new radios would be able to access all forms of broadcast would create a level playing field on which all industries could fairly compete.

I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to use your authority over this potential merger to ensure that fair competition continues to exist between satellite and terrestrial radio. Additionally, please make this letter part of the public record. Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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