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I urge the Commission to deny the proposed merger of AT&T and DirectTV. The merger would have the effect of reducing or eliminating competition in broadcast services to the consumer. History has shown that reduction or elimination of competition ALWAYS proves detrimental to the consumer in that choice of goods/services is reduced, or cost to the consumer of these goods/services rises, or both. History has also shown that, in a large number of mergers such as this, that the entity that has the most power usually destroys the line of goods/services provided by the lesser entity, to the detriment of the consumer.

I urge the Commission to use a smidgen of common sense in considering this merger, and, as the skipper of one of the Navy commands where I worked as a Civil Servant said, "Always do the right thing".

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