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

Dear FCC:

Greetings FCC!

I am writing to you to allow XM and Sirius to merge in to a single corporate entity on the basis of viable and valuable programming services that I cannot attain at present. I travel the country making a living as a professional driver or "trucker" if you prefer. I found out early in my career how distracting it is to attempt to tune an AM/FM radio frequently due to lost signals and picket-fencing not to mention fade. It's so bad in some areas I had to put the radio on autoscan in hopes of finding something to listen to. However I find that listening to an hour of one station or another yielded as many minutes of commercials as there was music. In the morning there's no end to clutter of morning talk shows that have absolutely nothing to say but stupid jokes and half-witted stories. When I heard about satellite radio, I too thought, "Why should I pay for radio?" When I got my XM receiver, I realized all too quickly the value of that subscription. Commercial free music channels that I don't have to struggle to tune in. I saved my favorite channels into memory and simply push a button to get the station transponder I want. And it is well worth my hard earned dollar. When I heard Sirius and XM were trying to merge, I thought that was the real value. Now I would be able to listen to my favorite NFL teams play (now only on Sirius) and still be able to listen to my favorite college football teams play (only on XM). This would prevent me from having to pay for two services to get more of what I want in a satellite based system. Trucking isn't easy. Weeks from

the family watching my eight year old daughter grow up in spurts and having to keep a relationship with my wife on the phone. I've driven hundreds of thousands of miles and believe me, the satellite radio is the best invention since sliced bread. The miles disappear behind me and before long I'm headed home after a three or four week run thanks to my XM radio. Please approve the merger. I get more, they get more and no way does it hurt the ground based stations on the scale they think will happen. Over 12500 ground based stations versus two satellites with 256 channels each. Seems like the satellite guys are only offering what we want. Commercial free music, good sports lineups, critical weather info all for a small price that just about anyone can afford. The service now is so inexpensive that I bought my father's service for him if he got the receiver as a 60th birthday present. That's valuable. The merger would be more so with more choices and customizable subscription plans.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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