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

Dear FCC:

I'm writing to voice my support for the SIRIUS/XM merger.

As a SIRIUS subscriber, I can only see the benefit to the consumer in the event of a merge. The companies have proven this with their proposed tiered pricing and a la carte packages.

It's silly for these companies to compete when there are so many other options for audio entertainment.

When the licenses were granted for SIRIUS and XM in 1997, there was no IPOD, barely any internet radio and certainly no HD Radio. People didn't get free music along with their cable TV, copying a CD was much more difficult and music was much harder to come across without paying for it.

A merge would not mean a monopoly. These companies realize that to stay competitive with emerging technology and reach profitability their subscription pricing needs to remain low.

Furthermore, satellite radio is not a necessity. People will always have the option of turning on their AM and FM radios at no charge whatsoever.

I can't believe that this merger has been taking so long to go through. Let's get it going and stop wasting hundreds of millions of dollars! Sincerely,

Ashok Bhalla