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FCC
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear FCC:

I am writing to urge you to pressure the FCC to proceed with the XM and Sirius merger. The FCC should not be permitted to wield its authority selectively and unfairly against this merger, while they fast track numerous many other high-profile mergers through approval in a matter of days.

The argument that such a merger will create a monopoly for consumers does not hold up to the measure of its definition, that being "a commodity controlled by one party". The commodity is entertainment, and for consumers, entertainment come from many sources; radio, electronic digital music players (MP3, IPOD, etc), CD's, and audio cassette tapes. Satelllite radio is merely one of these many entertainment sources.

The NAB has been obviously lobbying very hard to prevent this merger from happening. Why would they care, and commit the money they've so far spent, to prevent the merger if they did not fear the competition. Clearly, they do view satellite radio as competition. And isn't that what the FCC's analysis should be all about...assuring that competition is maintained? It will be with this merger, and in fact, based on Sirius's willingness to offer a variety of lower pricing options after the merger, a merger would further benefit the consumer.

In closing, I believe that all components of our federal government need to focus on issues that matter, and not selectively cower to special

interests. The technologies of entertainment delivery are changing, and our government should embrace and promote technological advancement. Federal dollars should be focused on issues of health, economic growth, global security and social security, and not allay the paranoia of the National Association of Broadcasters.

Please exert your authority on the FCC to do the right thing, and approve the merger.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Robert Baldrige