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President

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The Honorable Kevin Martin, Chairman
The Honorable Michael Copps
The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein
The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate
The Honorable Robert McDowell

Re: XM-Sirius merger

Dear Commissioners ,

After much consideration, I'm writing today to offer my support of the compromise that will allow the XM-Sirius merger to proceed. I urge commissioners to support the merger going through, even under these conditions.

While American taxpayers and consumers would have been much better off if the FCC were to allow the proposed merger to go forward unfettered, nonetheless, the compromise conditions will allow these two companies to continue providing their product into the future. For this reason, Americans for Tax Reform urges all commissioners to quickly allow the merger to go through under the compromise (barring an unforeseen opportunity for the merger to proceed immediately without any conditions whatever).

Americans for Tax Reform is a strong supporter of the free market. If the market dictates that these two providers must merge in order to compete with the many other content delivery systems, they should be allowed to do so. Plain and simple. We are somewhat disappointed that the Commission sees fit to press the applicants beyond their already generous concessions.

Still, if these are the conditions the Commission will impose in order to allow the merger to go through, we must not throw the baby out with the bathwater. I urge all commissioners to support moving forward with the merger, even under these conditions.

In the future, it is our hope that the Commission allow the market to act freely. The market is the mechanism best able to allocate scarce resources, of whatever type.

Sincerely,

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