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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: XM – Sirius Merger

Dear Chairman Martin:

We write to you today, on behalf of the State of Ohio and ten other states, regarding our concerns about the requested transfer of license sought by XM Radio and Sirius Radio. In particular, we would like to discuss the implications of the “Statement of the Department of Justice Antitrust Division on Its Decision to Close Its Investigation of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc.’s Merger with Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.” that was issued on March 24, 2008.

The combination of these companies will result in a single corporation controlling access to all nationally-available satellite radio. Given the national footprint, we are disappointed that the Department of Justice Antitrust Division would permit this merger to proceed unchallenged or without the imposition of appropriate terms and conditions that would reduce the proposed transaction’s anticompetitive impact, such as the divestiture of spectrum to allow the entry of a new entity into this market.

Given that the FCC looks to a broader public interest standard than does the DOJ in fashioning its decisions in this context, we urge the FCC to address these important issues and give due consideration to the many concerns of the states. Our offices stand ready to share with you our thoughts on the potential value of various remedial conditions available, such as mandatory publicly available interoperable receivers, a la carte pricing, and divestiture of spectrum.

We share these views and concerns with you and offer the assistance of our offices as you conclude your review of this request for transfer of license. Thank you for the efforts of the Commission and its staff in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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State of Ohio



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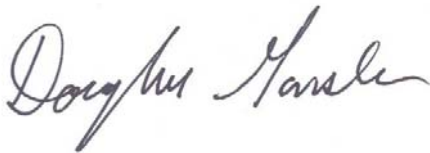
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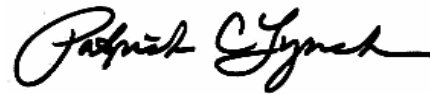
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