The National Association of Broadcasters opposes the merger-to-monopoly of the only two satellite radio companies. And we’re not the only ones ...

Academics
“... a merger of the two providers of satellite radio service would lead to conditions of both monopoly and monopsony that our antitrust laws are intended to prevent.”
— Philip M. Napoli, Ph.D., Fordham University

Media
“The antitrust laws were designed to foster competition, not to foreclose it by bailing out competitors that overpaid for talent, over-invested in plant and equipment or over-promised results to their investors.”
— Steven Pearlstein, The Washington Post, February 23

“We’ll be singing the blues if the government starts bailing out two companies that made bone-headed business decisions ...”
— Barry Saunders, The News and Observer, Raleigh, March 24

“The proposed satellite merger is an absurd idea and a waste of regulators’ time ...”
— Paul McLane, Radio World, March 28

Researchers and Consumer Groups
“[The Carmel Group Study] concludes — in precisely the opposite terms that Sirius CEO Mel Karmazin has espoused — that approval of the deal will result ‘in less service, less affordability, less diversity and less choice in content and hardware.”
— New York Post, April 3

“This merger raises the most fundamental issues in antitrust and poses a substantial threat to consumers and competition.”
— Testimony of Dr. Mark Cooper, on behalf of The Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union and Free Press, February 28

Former U.S. Attorney General
“...the proposed Sirius/XM merger, which reduces the number of competitors from two to one, raises most serious competitive concerns.”
— John Ashcroft, in a letter to U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales