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, overinvested 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

