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These companies have explicitly defined markets without competing with each other. They would thusly have an effective monopoly once combined. Municipalities who want to enter markets are being litigiously attacked and prevented from doing so to protect these monopolies. I live in Boston and need high speed internet to do my job. I have only one provider capable of offering this service. There is not enough competition in the markets for premium services. This merger would further reduce competition and discourage market participants due to any new economies of scale brought about by this merger.