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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
445 12 ST SW  
WASHINGTON DC

-SUBMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL-

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to communicate my increasing concern about the merging of Comcast Inc with Time Warner Cable Inc.

In the past decade increasing consolidation in the television, telephone, and wireless carriers has occurred to the point where the merging of Comcast with Time Warner would create a virtual monopoly with a vast majority of households in the US.

Insufficient competition has led Comcast and other CATV providers to increase rates at an alarming rate and advertise vast quantities of channels which, more often than not, are transmitting paid "infomercials" and not actual content (entertainment-news-other original programming). However, with these added channels the content which was transmitting original content is moved to a higher level tier to increase the cost of service with the premise that these new channels are being provided. (the ones that you tune in Saturday or Sunday and it's all paid content "infomercials")

Without competition to push rates to a competitive level the only alternative would be for the commission to mandate rates to control the spiraling rates. It was 10 years ago that cable in our area was \$30 for basic service now it tops \$50 with less content.

I urge the commission to prevent the combination of these 2 organizations.

Thank you for your attention,

C R LaFever