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I am writing to express my opposition to the Charter/Time Warner merger. I live in East Longmeadow, MA, where there are 2 internet providers, Verizon and Charter. Verizon's service, less than 1 Mbps, is so slow that they shouldn't be allowed to call it HIGH speed. This is my current provider.

I tried to get INTERNET only service from Charter Comm., but they insist on selling bundled services. Contractors representing Charter have visited my house to sell bundled services, when I explain to them that I only want internet service, I am told to call the Charter office, because they only get paid if they sell BUNDLED services.

When I do get to talk to an agent, I am given an initial price of \$39.95 for year one, then \$49.95 for year two, going to \$59.95 after that, plus any rate increases. If you do approve this merger, effectively creating a monopoly, at least stipulate that services should not have to be BUNDLED so that customers can get a more realistic rate