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Charter Communications, a company that has filed bankruptcy multiple times in the last 10 years, is preparing to acquire two competitors, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. In this case, bigger isn't better. Charter Communications has a history of offering unfavorable and anti-competitive terms to independent programmers and flatly refuses to carry One America News Network. To allow Charter to rapidly expand when it has had trouble simply running its own business and mistreats independent programmers isn't good for America.

Part of this agreement should require Charter to take action to insure that family owned and independent programming networks such as One America News Network are treated fairly and protected.