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Independent news sources such as One America News Network further inform our citizens and protect our democracy. A mega-cable merger is about to take place unless the FCC hears our voice. 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.

I am not opposed to this mega-merger, at least not at this time. Instead, we want to raise the awareness of the plight of independent programming services at the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and throughout Washington, DC. We want Charter to take action to insure that family owned and independent programming networks such as One America News Network are treated fairly and protected.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!