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I am completely against the TWC-Charter merger unless cable companies agree to launch independent channels like RIDE TV. They are a new, independent channel and they face the same issues other indie channels face, mammoth cable companies like Comcast, Time Warner and others will not launch new channels and pay for them. The large companies have an undue advantage because the big cable companies preserve their bandwidth and dollars for the big programmers like Disney and Viacom who force them to launch new channels that now American wants! Meanwhile, a channel like RIDE TV that offers family oriented, lifestyle content, suffers and is not available to cable customers. RIDE TV is an equestrian lifestyle channel. Over 30 million Americans ride horses and the equine industry has over a \$102 billion impact on the U.S. economy. Please force Charter and Time Warner to make it a condition of the merger to launch RIDE TV! Thank you!