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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 15-149, In the Matter of *Applications of Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., and Advanced/Newhouse Partnership For Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Enclosed please find the signatures and comments of more than 17,000 Free Press activists urging FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to block the Charter-Time Warner Cable merger. The petition reads:

Dear FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler:

If the Charter-Time Warner Cable merger is approved, Charter and Comcast would offer service to nearly 80 percent of U.S. homes.

Together they would have unprecedented control over our ability to connect and communicate. Without any other meaningful competition, they'd be able to charge us whatever they want for our connections. Higher prices would leave even more people on the wrong side of the digital divide — hitting low-income communities of color the hardest.

Please use your power to stop this deal.

Please enter the attached signatures and comments into MB Docket 15-149.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Craig Aaron
President and CEO
Free Press

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This merger will NOT benefit American citizens.

—Robin Cisne, Ithaca, NY

Please take a stand for the American People!!!!!!!!!!

—, Gainesville, GA

Such mergers were blocked by the Roosevelt administration after the first great depression and made even more relevant today, in the face of the latest near Great depression and the 'too big to fail' bailouts. We cannot -and should not- allow special interest to hold monopolies on our goods and services.

—Vanessa Y. McClinchy, Newton, MA

It's time to back up what is known to be right with what is right.

—James M Dodge, Raleigh, NC

you have done a great job by getting net neutrality though. please stop this monopoly.

—Alex Landazuri, Lawrence, KS

Please, no more mergers! We are already limited in choices.

—Paul Jalbert, Bridgeport, CT

We need more cable providers , and competition , and much lower rates.

—Charles Semler, Sharpsburg, MD

End mega mergers! Time Warner is bad enough by itself.

—Jim Corriere, Brawley, CA

Looks like setting up a monopoly to me. What about the main street folks left in the dust if this goes through.

—Margaret scaief, Bellingham, WA

There can be no true capitalism when there is no competition.

—Erskin Cherry, Silver Spring, MD

As a captive of Charter I now pay twice as much as I did to the company they bought out for worse service.

—Mark Messing, Traverse City, MI

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—Diane Nero, Richmond, VA

We must not allow this ugly merger to happen!

—Bill and Marilyn Voorhies, Bernard, ME

Please - we already have the horribly unresponsive Time Warner with infrastructure so poor, that we can't keep our internet connections up and running in NY's Capital District. Our connections consistently crash and burn at home and, worst of all, at work - making deadlines even more stressful as all well thought-out work is lost on a regular basis as a result! More than that, the very last thing America needs right now are more too-big-to-fail companies. We need MORE COMPETITION - NOT LESS! Thank you from an old I.T. nerd.

—Cheryl Dykstra, Niskayuna, NY

This is a no brainer. Tom, you need to do the right thing and block the merger between Charter and Comcast. The merger does harm to the people of the USA that you serve.

—Roy J Blom of Blom, Green Bay, WI

We are already being price gouged by the major cable networks, lets not make it worse.

—Curtis Davis, Aurora, CO

This would lead to a veritable monopoly. The lack of competition would allow them to raise prices to extreme levels.

—Curtis Shipley, Beaverton, OR

The MISSION STATEMENT of the FCC is to act "in the public interest, convenience and necessity." Nothing in the Charter grab of Time Warner Cable is even close to fulfilling even -one- of these imperatives. It MUST be denied.

—Ronald Rauscher, Austin, TX

I thought monopolies were illegal

—Veronica Alleyne, Rochester, NY

Also the power to influence political opinion would be increased, to the detriment of our republic

—marcia macmullan, ann arbor, MI

And where do we stand with high speed internet being declared a public utility? Let's get cracking!

—John Pivovarnick, Dunmore, PA

80% is for all intent a monopoly.

—Benvineto Watson, Boynton Beach, FL

This merger will reduce competition even further. We already have to few providers, lack of choice, rediculously high prices, and slow data speeds. Please do not approve this merger.

—Tom Kunhardt, Oakland, CA

Mergers of this magnitude invariably turn out to be costly for consumers in terms of dollars, service, and erosion of choice. I urge you to say "NO" to this slide toward monopolistic control of our communications infrastructure. Thank you.

—Mr. Marvin Westen, Waynesboro, VA

If you allow this anticompetitive merger, you show yourself to be the bought and paid for whore of the very people you are supposed to be protecting from just this very thing. If you don't do the right thing, we'll have to take matters into our own hands.

—Jim L Vaughan, Pittsburg, CA

The Internet should be a public utility. Really, Charter, Comcast, Time Warner Cable - they all abuse consumers and it's because they can. It's your job to stop this.

—Susan Brock, Atlanta, GA

I currently pay Time Warner for 30mps cable speed and I average in real time around 8.15mps. I can only assume from experience that this merger will only make them even LESS responsive than they are now!

—Mr. James Sherpa, Ithaca, NY

The merger sucks relative to consumer freedom!

—Lawrence Clemens, Minneapolis, MN

We can't afford any more mergers than form corporations who are too big for their britches!

—Daniel Duffy, Delavan, WI

This merger does nothing for the consumer.

—Thomas Rowe, Sacramento, CA

Neither one has any respect for its customers

—Joseph Fell, Naugatuck, CT

These mergers are merely monopolies and I am sick of having little or no choices!

—Paula Fougere, Seabrook, NH

Lets go back to the days when monopolies were against the law, what do you say?

—Bruce Huckfeldt, Chadron, NE

I have watched by bills go up as Comcast takes advantage of their near-monoploy position. This discourages start-ups and tech entrepreneurs. Please do all you can to disrupt this monopolization tactic.

—David Schoales, Brattleboro, VT

Capitalism is based on competition and cable has long been without competition. From cities selling their zip code to one provider to current and anticipated mergers, consumers end up paying a higher price for an inferior product. It is time to end mergers in the cable arena. Thank you

—Melanie Snyder Lindblom, Birmingham, MI

Comcast is a giant - and look at their charges! We must break up these monopolies!

—Laurel Facey, Millers Falls, MA

This corporate merger will result in giving one corporation an unprecedented level of control over citizens of this country's access to the Internet -- it's a disaster in the making, and it's grossly obvious at that! There is no way that people in power, namely politicians, cannot see this. They know, but more importantly they know and willingly neglect to actually DO anything to stop it. The United States is already SO far behind the rest of the world in terms of high-bandwidth broadband penetration that it's shameful. Technological advances, such as the connectivity of both software and hardware that a vast majority of the population carries with them on a daily basis, is one of the very few things that we actually produce in this country anymore. If companies and corporations are allowed to continue putting a stranglehold on broadband connectivity then the leaders, inventors, and big-thinkers of tomorrow will just take their products, start-up companies, and ideas elsewhere. This has got to stop. Please sir, I am asking you to do whatever is in your power to NOT allow this merger to continue. Thank you.

—Robert Lada, Marion, IN

Capitalism basic principle is competition. That should be the driving force here. If there is a monopoly the primary loser is the consumer who has no where else to turn. And there is no motivation for the behemoth to improve or innovate to maintain a market share. Or to treat their customers with respect. Please stop allowing mergers of big telecom companies. So the consumer has a fighting chance.

—Barbara Breck, Portland, OR

My adult children, Leslie Joan Allen and Molly J Bancroft also support a free open internet and a competitive choice-based consumer options.

—Dr Beverly A. Bancroft, Redford, MI

Block. It. Now. And block additional attempts in the future that these giants will continue to make to create a monopoly that will eliminate any choices we citizens have.

—Peter Smullen, Kissimmee, FL

We don't need any more corporate megalopolies. No more giant mergers!

—Victoria Neff, Ann Arbor, MI

We need net neutrality and a diversity of companies controlling our access to the internet and TV and radio information, music, etc.

—Conrad Miller, Watermill, NY

Mega corporations are the biggest threat today to both democracy and capitalism

—Thomas Phillips, Palisade, CO

BIGGER IS NOT BETTER.

—Peter Curia, Scottsdale, AZ

Stopping this merger is just a starting point. Cable monopolies are already out of control.

—James Milnthorpe, Phoenix, AZ

Why has our government chosen to ignore antitrust law?

—Robert Davey, SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ

People remember you did the right thing before, do the right thing now. The tree is known by it's fruit.

—Larry McLean, Mooresville, NC

Please work for citizen consumers, not corporations!

—Janice Pope, Boone, NC

Please stop the insanity!

—Fran, Syosset, NY

Serve the PUBLIC interest, not the corporate interests!

—Raymond Kalas, Columbia, NJ

Mr. Chairman, you say you haven't yet "done enough" to encourage competition. Blocking this wasteful merger would be a great place to start!

—Craig Aaron, Bethesda, MD

Corporate mergers are out of hand. Stop such mergers and also honor Teddy Roosevelt's commitment to block such mergers.

—Craig F. Anderson, Quincy, MA

Break them ALL up, not put them all together!

—Michael Thorne, Eugene, OR

DO YOUR JOB!!! STOP BIG CORP!!!

—Judy Stearns, Clearwater, NE

When oh when will regulators realize that "bigger is not better" and is often worse. The way to infuse competitiveness back into media is to take restraints off localities forming their own municipal fiber and wireless high bandwidth networking and ISP companies. Do that and you'll see a lot more varied and innovative offerings to the public at affordable pricing.

—ben Lichtin, rochester, NY

Mergers in the telecommunications industry have, overall, been provably bad deals for the public: besides fewer entertainment choices and diminished, unresponsive service, their truly bad consequence is an increasing monolithic information flow, and ever homogenized viewpoints in all arenas of public discourse. Such mergers benefit only a very insular minority, whose motives are simple scheming cowardice.

—Mitchell Struble, Philadelphia, PA

Who are you working for...the people or the greedy corps? Use some courage and integrity and stop Charter and block this merger. They are too powerful individually, never mind merging.

—Joyce Peters, Columbia, CT

That doesn't sound like a free and open internet to me.

—Joseph Hancock, Los Angeles, CA

if you really meant your comment about competition among providers, stop this deal!

—Jeffrey Falkenstein, Cave Junction, OR

This merger is highly volatile and will hurt the American public by creating almost a monopoly in the cable market!

—Ric McElroy, Travelers Rest, SC

Do your job man! People like you are killing America! No more monopolies!

—Martin & Mary L M Tabatcher, Mogadore, OH

Come on guys, this is obvious. Monopoly anyone?

—Robert L. Wesley MD, PhD, Gainesville, FL

Stop this now and support free competition!

—Doug and Jan Parker, Dolores, CO

These types of deals are destroying our democratic republic!

—Sheri V. Staley, Shelton, WA

No to monopoly, no to oligopoly!

—Harry Cleaver, Austin, TX

Mr. Wheeler, what happened to competition? How can you grant one company 80% market share and still say you want competition. Stop this merger. John Kassar

—John Kassar, Sausalito, CA

JUST STOP THIS MERGER FOREVER

—Jeff Beesley, NORTH FOND DU LAC, WI

The People you serve NEED you to step up for them

—Todd Fundaro, Royal Oak, MI

WTF! Having had to utilize Charter and their sub-standard service for over 10 years already at a cost of \$68 per month for internet only, and spotty internet at that. I can imagine what my services are going to be like after this merger: shoddy and even more expensive. The internet is the only way to search for and apply for employment now. What are all these people who are in the same situation as me going to do then? And how much of their money are you putting in your pocket? Answer me that, Tom. I do not believe you can or will stand up for the poor and working class. I do not believe that you are a human being, Tom, but a corporate robot like so many of your colleagues on Capitol Hill.

—Valerie Hassard, Reno, NV

NO MORE MERGERS...we already have the worst customer service and the most expensive prices...don't make it worse

—Cheri Langois, Mendocino, CA

Whatever happened to anti-trust laws?

—Robin Oye, Hancock, MI

Please help give the American people some choices!

—Shari J. Piehl, Appleton, WI

Please take action to block this unseemly power grab.

—Allen Hirsh, Silver Spring, MD

Monopolies hurt the consumer.

—Richard Chogyoji, Los Angeles, CA

IT IS TIME THAT WE STOP CORPORATE CORRUPTION IN THIS COUNTRY, HERE AND NOW.

—Carlos T Baez, Crosby, TX

Where is the FTC??? It is their job to prevent monopolies! Obviously they have been asleep at the wheel for a long time now- or were they paid off too? Time Warner stinks, but I don't want to be forced to accept Charter. I want MORE choice, NOT LESS!!! NO MERGER!!!

—Stacy Rauch, New York, NY

Everybody knows that competition is what makes for better customer service. A monopoly need not improve on anything, where else is the customer going to go.

—Joel Bowden, New York, NY

No monopolies!

—Jacqueline Dern, Kirkland, WA

No more mega mergers please

—Angela Ferrari, Anchorage, AK

Too many low income inner city and rural youth are already left out. We need more competition not less!

—Mary Hansen, Mt. Joy, PA

Internet access is so important, it would best be a public utility, available affordable to all US citizens. Such a merger creates a corporate monopoly, the worst possible outcome for "our" country.

—Graham J. Sharman, Santa Fe, NM

Whatever happened to anti-Trust laws??? America is rapidly losing its identity as a democracy and becoming an oligarchy. That will be the end of our greatness. Please block this merger.

—Amy Henry, Northampton, MA

Please don't let big money dictate your decision. Stand strong for the American citizens.

—Virginia Keeping, Parkville, MD

Time Warner is essentially my only option for internet access now. If I lived a few miles away I could literally pay half with AT&T. But there is no competition where I live. Less competition = higher prices.

—Bret Miller, Upland, CA

We're supposed to have competition.

—Alan Dieringer, Bethesda, MD

Bigger is Not Better!, and this deal does nothing to encourage competition, in fact it Discourages it. Please Block this Deal.

—John Silk, Bridgeport, CT

Competition makes things better for consumers!

—Sandra Spilecki, Hamden, CT

Monopoly is unacceptable in America. And those who allow it will be relieved of their power in the future as we, the people, stand up against corporate power and abuse. We are working to return power to the people.

—Beverly Brady, Soquel, CA

Despite all the crap about the "magic of the marketplace," allowing this merger would prove that the game is rigged. No true competition means no true "free enterprise." And the FCC, of all outfits, shouldn't just trample over the fact that the airwaves are supposed to belong to the public, not the highest bidder. Vote against this corporate giveaway.

—Michael D. Spence, Tukwila, WA

We already pay enough now. It is a shame at the price we pay and if it gets higher I will just quit tv period

—Cindy Ragland, Lanett, AL

Who the hell thinks a monopoly is a great idea, other than shareholders?

—John Persico, Buffalo, NY

I am right on the cusp of giving up cable. This merger may push me right over the edge!

—Marilyn Rowland, Ithaca, NY

Stop allowing big money to run the country.

—Joseph G. Knafou, Palm Coast, FL

Thanks!

—Rob Frohne, Walla Walla, WA

No monopoly with cable.

—Ann Cobban, Black Canyon City, AZ

Monopolies are not supposed to be legal!

—Jahnavi Stenflo, Boulder, CO

Encourage competition. Don't crush it.

—Wayne Daniel, El Paso, TX

healthy competition good. monopoly bad, but a good board game.

—Donald Turken, Englewood, CO

Bigger is not better!

—william ragar, conway, AR

No competition = 3rd world service, higher prices etc etc..... Stop this merger mania that cripples USA from being a tech leader.

—Abram Blitz, SANTA ANA, CA

I know this won't do any good, because all politicians listen to is the corporations who donate to them. But here is my official complaint. Cable is already a monopoly, with ridiculous prices and poor customer service. I wish you wouldn't make it worse.

—Juli Roland, Dallas, TX

The cable companies now change their rules and fees indiscriminately. What do you think it will be like when they have virtually total control over most of the population. Allowing this merger would result in higher fees, worse customer service, if that's possible, and no recourse for the American consumer. Pay higher fees, or have no service at all. Those will be the only options.

—Barry G. Davis, York, ME

It's way past time for corporate America to serve WE the PEOPLE--REAL America, not just serve themselves to America's dwindling resources. America has been overwhelmed by private corporate greed. Time to end that practice.

—Clifford Slayman, Hamden, CT

No more monopolies! It puts the American people at a clear disadvantage when they don't have a choice.

—Stephanie Mory, Seabrook, SC

Do you think 80% market share is too much concentration? If it isn't I wonder what proportion of the market would be considered allowable?

—Joe Weis, Reedley, CA

stop the monopoly of the airways!

—Barbara Bannon, Tulsa, OK

The bigger Charter has gotten the worse their service gets and the less customer interaction you can get. The last time needed their service the ONLY way I could get it was to threaten to go to another carrier (YOU KNOW THE FREE MARKET!) IF YOU LET THEM MERGE WE WILL BE AT THEIR MERCY!

—Dyanne DiRosario, Glendale, CA

We need more competition not less.

—Richard D Stewart, Mill Valley, CA

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—Anne Marie Riu Roussel, PALAU DE,

What ever happened to free enterprise in the U.S.?? How can you have competition when companies are being gobbled up by a bigger one?? Stop this merger before there is NO free speech for anyone who is NOT a corporation!!

—Len Lindgren, ELGIN, IL

Do something for the people for a change, not the corporate hogs.

—Juliana Mazzeo, Lynbrook, NY

as a first responder for young & rubicam in 1981 as head of the newly minted cable tv group, i was responsible for teaching clients the value of this new medium. in addition, i was also able to persuade some large and smaller clients to use cable tv for its targetability and efficiency. we created programming and new ways to purchase the tv medium. it was a blast! create more competition not more wealth for a few lucky people, let the best organizations show the way, not the largest mergers. ira tumpowsky, retired

—Ira Tumpowsky, Westport, CT

Do your job please!

—Douglas McDougall, Brooklyn, NY

I was born in a democracy and now live in a corporate controlled oligarchy. No ethics, just greed and rolling over the people, that is the way of corporations these days. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, represent the good of the people. Do it for you offspring at the least.

—Cathy Balan, Nevada City, CA

The home-communications industry in this country is already a weak, sick joke. We need better - far better - service and rates before we need bigger companies which will only guarantee us more of the lousy products, services and rates we already have.

—Sol L. Siegel, Philadelphia, PA

Consolidating power is not the way to go with the Internet. Stop this merger.

—Barbara Nadel, Milford, PA

Too big is way bad for consumers and competition.

—Jeffrey Dorman, Satellite Beach, FL

Good for companies, bad for us.

—Gary Sharron, Palo Alto, CA

If you care to leave a legacy of good public service you can still make a difference and block this merger.

—Jennifer Flower, Sausalito, CA

Stop the merger between Charter and Time Warner Cable. Common sense says that this will RAISE cost to the consumer by reducing competition. This merger is ONLY TO INCREASE PROFITS for those who own these companies and are NOT in the best interest of citizens across America. This merger is also designed to disenfranchise those of lower income, and will increase the divide between the few very rich and the hundred(s) of millions of poor in America. Do unto those as you would have them do unto you. Keep these corporate giants separate. Stop the GREED that is rampant in America at the expense of a hundred million citizens or more.

—Karen Wright, Riverside, CA

Time Warner and Comcast have the poorest ratings for customer service - a merger would only increase that lack of consideration for the public. We would change from Time Warner now if we could but our city has an exclusive contract - I hate to think how much worse service will be if the merger goes through - talk about creating a monopoly!!!

—Greer Kabb-Langkamp, Clinton, OH

This type of concentration of ownership only exacerbates the problems of monopoly: reduction of competition, increased costs to consumers and decreases in content variety. It simply is not in the public interest to allow this merger.

—Joseph Tenerelli, Terre Haute, IN

It's about time you recognize and acknowledge that you have "not done enough" to encourage competition among cable giants. What did you suppose hundreds of thousands of us who signed petitions were pointing out to you? Right now, a tangible action you can take is to block the merger of Charter and Time Warner Cable. Just do it.

—Elizabeth Songalia, St. Paul, MN

We already pay more for less here in the US, compared to other developed - and even some not-so-developed - countries. We already have a problem with too much communication concentrated in too few hands. We need more choices, not fewer.

—Char Leverette, Evening Shade, AR

Enough of monopolies. We need real competition.

—Louis C. Harris Jr, Cherry Hill, NJ

these mergers are the scourge of capitalism....we must do all possible to prevent them.

—Suzanne Murphy-Larronde, Sarasota, FL

There is little enough competition in the cable industry now. Don't allow this merger to reduce the competition even more.

—Mark Hillenbrand, Oak Lawn, IL

The merger of Charter-Time Warner is approved Comcast and Charter will have almost a monopoly on cable service. We are supposed to have competition between companies and an almost-monopoly is not competition. Do NOT allow the merger to happen!

—Dorothy Rocklin, Melrose, MA

Communication among the populace is vastly more important than the profits of the few.

—Duncan Baruch, Portland, OR

give the customer a break ... take off the stranglehold !!!

—Chris Lawrence, High Falls, NY

In Westchester County, the only cable provider is Cablevision. Each month I pay an exorbitant amount for phone/internet. My option: no option. Don't make my situation a national one.

—Paul Ratz, New Rochelle, NY

I am really looking for your support on this! Best regards, Bascom King
—Bascom H. King, Santa Barbara, CA

We don't need this monopoly entity, there is hardly any competition now.
—Joseph M Furst, rocky hill, CT

Please don't allow this monopoly to abridge the common people's right to communicate.
—Gary Ostler, Midvale, UT

If this merger happens, Wheeler's name will forever be linked with Orwell's "Big Brother".
—Dan Atkinson, Perkinsville, VT

PREVENT THIS MONOPOLY!
—Samantha Eppenauer, KANSAS CITY, MO

This is a no brainer.
—Virginia Ferrell, Charlottesville, VA

Would allowing this merger create a company that would be considered a monopoly? If so arent monopolies illegal?
—Paul Barnett, Baytown, TX

Please stop this Deal and keep the market competitive!
—Roger Britton, Carlisle, OH

We don't have a choice now! Time warner has this part of the country and Comcast has the other, they don't compete they wheel and deal with us as pawns!! We pay over \$200 for Internet, cable and phone and that's not even any so called special channels like HBO, we can't afford them!!!!!!! So WTF, do something to encourage competition and break up the huge conglomerates!!!! This is disgusting what you let happen, you people don't give a rats ass about us or it would change in a heartbeat!
—Dee Noblett, Mechanicville, NY

Bernie Sanders will do it if you don't.
—Andrea Mills, Websterville, VT

Time Warner has abysmal customer service. As a TWC customer, I yearn for competition to come to my area, but if I want internet in my home, they are currently the only option. While this merger may not affect me directly, I know that reducing the number of companies will only encourage these kinds of monopolies that force customers to choose between no service or bad service.
—Nathaniel Grubbs, Morrisville, NC

Even though these are private companies they provide a service that is very much public. Maybe the Government should be in charge of this ?
—Gordon Heavern, Boulder, CO

This is an easy way to strangle any competition. It's bad enough with what we have.
—David Reese, Glen Allen, VA

...and to the Plutocracy for which you stand...
—Mitchell Diamond, Sunnyvale, CA

Feel The Bern.

—James K Holt, youngstown, OH

Competition is Important! We need more competing companies to choose from, not fewer. This merger will create another huge company, with no similar sized competitor in most of its markets. How is this good for the citizen consumer? (It's not, it is only good for the company itself at the expense of its customers.)

—Russel Brooks, Walla Walla, WA

Come onnnnn. Ya wise guys. Cable Conglomo bullcrap needs to stop.

—Jonathan Miller of the Free Americas, Clinton Township, MI

FCC has done a pretty good job in looking for us Main Street Americans. Please continue to do so! We are watching!

—Kathleen Dougherty, Duluth, MN

There is such a thing as TOO BIG!

—Marilyn Blalock, Cocoa, FL

Monopolies quash competition- we don't need any more of them.

—Carne Lowgren, Bishop, CA

Here's your chance to encourage competition!

—Ralph Finley, Santa Clara, CA

Stop virtual monopolies!

—Kaye Fissinger, Longmont, CO

As a Professional Network Engineer with 20 years of experience in telecom, I can tell you this will hurt small business by preventing competition for business class services.

—Charlie Sawyer, Frisco, TX

We need to stop this now.

—Katherine Otis, Palmdale, CA

I am SICK & TIRED of paying outrageous cable bills which keep going up, & get lousy service. We must break up these Monopolies, which are squeezing the American Consumers dry! Block these merger!

—Ray Bustos, Fullerton, CA

Please stand up to these already too big companies and don't let them get so big and trample on consumers. Please!

—Judith Burns, Crum Lynne, PA

there is too much concentration already.....don't need more.

—Anthony Marchione, Welaka, FL

Please protect the average user who will inevitably face price increases.

—Ellen Ritchie, Somerset, NJ

This is absolutely nothing but an attempt by two lousy companies to become a large monopoly that enables them to gouge their customers. The monopoly should be sanctioned only if the resulting company can be declared a regulated, public utility. No merger without regulation!

—Payam N Minoofar, Ventura, CA

Merging Charter and Time Warner is terrible for customers. As a Charter customer myself, the last thing I want is more people to be subjected to their terrorism. Their price per megabit INCREASES as you buy more, unlike the rest of the industry, and charge \$200 just for signing up for their highest tier plan. They already use these anti-consumer practices today, the last thing they need is less competition. Help consumers, stop the merger.

—Thom McGrath, Rocky Hill, CT

Please keep being one of the good guys.

—Connie L. Kohler, Birmingham, AL

competition has gotten so limited that it is time to require more divestment, not to permit more mergers. Thank you for considering citizen comments.

—Robert Dick, Gig Harbor, WA

80% is monopoly in any rational person

—Donald Fidler Jr., San Antonio, TX

We essentially have a monopoly being formed right under our eyes as our government fails us once again. We need to be breaking big companies up in order to foster true competition. We shouldn't be letting them merge. The lack of customer care, the bills that bloat all by themselves should be indicators that this is a bad idea.

—Stephen T Mudd, Rancho Cordova, CA

Break them up. Don't allow any mergers at all. It only is for bigger profits that they want to merge!!!

—MC Hagerty, Carlsbad, CA

Tell them NO Wheeler. If they throw a temper tantrum. Still tell them, NO! You can say no, and we will not leave you, we will support you on saying NO TO THIS MERGER. Now's your chance, do it.

—Jawara D Pittman, Atlanta, GA

Is it not time to encourage competition between cable giants?

—Anthony Albert, Corvallis, OR

As people move away from cable it is essential to maintain competition and as many separate companies as possible. We know why they want the merger -- and it should be blocked. Thank you.

—Michele Sherriton, Hollywood, FL

Seriously, whatever happened to Trust Busting? Capitalism can only go so far before all that's left is unregulated, price gouging monopolies. Not only that, but Time Warner offers awful service for a terrible price. Charter is one of the few bastions of hope in the land of overpriced, poor service "service providers" in America. Please don't let this happen.

—Erich Haeusser, Fort Worth, TX

I cannot get broadband even though Time Warner tells the FCC they service my area, my neighbors and I are very frustrated by this. Please stop this merger and force them to provide the service they say they provide!

—Jack Prindle, Union, KY

It's part of your job to prevent monopolies. Get busy!

—John McPeck, Fairfax, VA

I don't want this monopoly to rule how much I have to pay for essential services - that they can arbitrarily cut off if they feel like it!

—Carl McCall, San Diego, CA

We need your help! Thank you!

—Ethel and Stephen Kleiman, Chicago, IL

This is outrageous. As a tax-paying citizen I'm disturbed that such an event would even be conceivable, especially in a country that prides itself on our so-called "freedom," how can an appointed representative possibly ignore such a blatant action which is against the freedoms of consumers?

—Taylor Rowland, Bonney Lake, WA

Merger mayhem has got to end. Nothing good EVER comes from these corporate marriages. Everyone loses.

—Bruce Smith, Detroit, MI

please Help stop this merger. Stop monopolies. They take advantage of the people. Do your job or Bernie will have to!

—, Williamstown, NJ

Please do not allow this merger. Service is terrible already and this act will make it worse.

—Don Scarpinato, Portland, OR

I pay far too much money for cable and internet now. Real competition is needed before the American consumer can get really great customer service, superior products and a great price. No cable giant mergers ever again!

—Loushon Curtsinger, ABINGDON, MD

Too much power - too much chance of monopolizing this industry. We need more competition.....

—Michael Mills, Sierra Madre, CA

This is an outrage and you know it. Please take a stand to stop these big companies from ruining something that is supposed to be an open source for the WORLD not just us.

—Clayton Cox, Buckeye, AZ

Please pay attention.

—H Frank, Portland, OR

We need more competition, innovation and genuine customer service. This merger takes us in the wrong direction!

—David Smernoff, Portola Valley, CA

We don't need a monopoly of this sort! Keep the internet free and open to everyone. Thank you for considering my opinion.

—Thomas D Rose, Portland, IN

This merger would not help the end consumer only the cable corporations. This would go against ant-monopoly laws, again this is my opinion.

—Richard M Fortin, Staten Island, NY

This merger would be no good for the American people.

—Anne and John Hedberg, Golden, CO

In order for prices to remain competitive and allow customers to use the services provided by these companies, a virtual monopoly must be prevented.

—Gloria Clements, Macon, GA

Do we not have enough problems with the current mob of thieves and plutocrats running monster companies only for personal gain, without creating more for our backs to carry to higher levels of profit whatever the cost?

—David and Susanne S. S., Houston, TX

Seriously.

—, Beaverton, OR

Please don't let this happen, so many of us rely on a free and equal Internet!

—Kaitlyn Anthony Cadoret and Rocco, New Haven, CT

Please stop this monopoly in the making.

—Christie Allan-Piper, West Newton, MA

This is not in the best interest of consumers. It's in the best interest of CXO's and Wall Street.

—Robert Birch, Orlando, FL

There has been too much consolidation of various media outlets.

—Douglas Risedorf, Concrete, WA

What we experience on the wrong side of the divide is both high prices and poor-quality, extremely limited service for whatever we pay. That is NOT a level playing field.

—Helen Kivnick, Minneapolis, MN

Please support your words with actions.

—Jim Ahearn, Clearwater, FL

Stop another scheme to Raise Prices just for the MONOPOLY of it!

—Mr. Joseph Lyddon, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Disallowing this is the most important part of your job.

—Ian Gustafson, Waltham, MA

Sadly, the FCC's track record on allowing mergers does not give much reason for hope that the Commission will, for once, stand on the side of consumers against corporate greed.

—Susan Hathaway, Pico Rivera, CA

I'm a Time Warner customer and I'm on Social Security disability. I do not want to see my internet bill go up any further. In fact, I already just switched to a lower tier of service due to a ridiculous price increase in the tier I had. Internet service is extremely important to me, as it's my main source of news and communication. Please do not price people like me out of having internet service.

—Kathleen View, Elmira, NY

monopolies are supposed to be illegal!

—Carol L Neill, Overland Park, KS

Please block this merger.

—Tom Giambrone, Clarence Center, NY

Stop this for the good of the people.

—Robin Pappas, pocono manor, PA

Monopoly is a good game; bad news for consumers.

—Thomas Cloud, Tonasket, WA

Brings to mind why we put Ma Bell out of business.

—Dave Cornell, Talent, OR

It's outrageous that we Americans have slower and more expensive internet than some third world countries, and the lock cable giants already have on our market is disgraceful. You should be moving to break up monopolies, not enable them.

—Lyn Lowry, Longmont, CO

Chairman Wheeler, please block this merger. My internet provider already increases my monthly costs with no explanation. I'm scared that it will only get worse. I cannot afford to keep paying higher and higher internet costs. This is not right. We need competition among the different companies! You know this, I know this. Please please stop this merger. Internet access is a necessity in this digital age. Please help keep it accessible by blocking this merger. Thank you.

—Nadia, Minneapolis, MN

It has been shown time and time again that monopolies don't work and are bad for consumers. Why can't you learn from past mistakes?

—Janet Tice, Chapel Hill, NC

No more mergers! Look at what has happened with airfares! Please oppose this merger!

—Van Welborn, Phoenix, AZ

Monopoly?

—Jerry Cecere, Folsom, CA

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—Louis Petkus, Batavia, IL

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What good can become if the Charter-Time Warner cable merger takes place? It's time to look out for the consumers.

—Joel Peebles, Crystal Lake, IL

Block this and encourage broader areas of coverage I do not wish to create the equivalent of red (charter) blue (Comcast) TV SERVICES

—Duke Pavliger, Santa Rosa, CA

they charge too much now.

—Glenn McDermott, Rome, NY

This merger would be advantageous only to Charter and Time Warner, the two poorest providers of service and value. Every individual purchaser of their product would be adversely affected.

—Dr. Jacob R. Raitt, Bridgeport, CT

Back to the future? Trust's return?

—Hank Miller Sr, Panama City, FL

more competition, not less

—Richard Osterkorn, HOMER GLEN, IL

The TPP has been signed. Buckle up.

—Robert Hyer II, Lillian, AL

It is time to stop these big companies from becoming "too big to fail" and taking over the country as monopolies. It is time to break them up and encourage competition. Do your job and stop this deal!!!

—Lynn Schwab, Black Hawk, CO

It is our freedom of information and expression which is involved. Please stop this merger.

—Francoise Frigola, Idyllwild, CA

Why are mergers like this even being considered?? They are rebuilding monopolies which are very harmful to consumers. Stop this merger!

—Rita Larkin, Allison, IL

We need more competition -- not less!

—Paul McCarthy, Farmington, MI

Cable prices are very high with little choice of either content or other providers. Consumers are at the mercy of their cable providers with no leverage.

—Claudia Hevel, Los Altos, CA

Please prevent this near-monopoly/duopoly.

—John Galeotti, Pittsburgh, PA

My service has suffered in great measure because of the lack of competition. This would worsen the situation and raise my bill at the same time. It is your responsibility to support the average person and not big companies.

—Laurie Schick, Tulsa, OK

We need more broadband competition not less.

—Dennis Bournique, San Francisco, CA

If this can't be stopped now, when?

—Harvey Jassem, Canton, CT

It's against free market place competition and will embolden this monopolistic mega corporation to ever care about the end users needs and desires for quality service and pricing. Both companies separately should be reviewed for inconsistent service and monopolies imposed by hooking up with individual town governments around the country. Why are they the only game in town where I live in Beekman NY?

—Mr. Tom Andriello, Hopewell Junction, NY

It is dangerous to have too few powers in charge of our access to information.

—Fay Taylor, Syracuse, NY

We need more choices, not fewer. This merger is a step in the wrong direction.

—Richard Brudeseth (former Comcast Brudeseth, Sun City, AZ

Mr. Wheeler, we need more competition; therefore merging those 2 companies won't help our community, it won't help the market, it won't help a free communication among people.

—Jorge Morales, San Carlos, CA

How about enforcing anti-trust laws.

—Herman Rhein, South Padre Island, TX

Stop the corporate prostitution!

—Chris Matera, Northampton, MA

Please defend us from the power of tremendous corporations to control the markets and hurt competition. Thank you.

—Francisco Koch, North Hills, CA

Giant telecom companies are bad for consumers.

—William Jennings, Sunriver, OR

No more mergers that create monopolies!

—Sean Kennedy, Healdsburg, CA

This merger would lead to a virtual monopoly, giving big business that kind of power is an insult to every American. This simply cannot be allowed to happen.

—Kent Lamoreux, Spokane, WA

Why are US consumers no longer protected from monopolies?

—Sharon Rondeau, Dearborn, MI

Seniors, the disabled would also be affected. The merger would be devastating on those who must have choices. I would encourage these giants to divest themselves rather than become an absolute monopoly of the people's communications

—Kit Corson, Marana, AZ

Come on Wheeler do the right thing just once. You will be glad you did.

—Kevin J. Gosztonyi, Bethlehem, PA

Keep competition alive. Do not allow the Charter - Comcast merger.

—John, Alexandria, VA

Not what the people want

—Elizabeth Morrison, Los Angeles, CA

Have complained about Comcast HORRIBLE customer service... They don't care as they have already cornered the market and now you want to make it worse? Quit selling out and stand up for justice for a change

—C Swenning, Richmond, CA

Where are the anti-trust laws that I learned about in American history? Power to the people, not the monopoly!

—Ron Cox, Chicago, IL

We need competition and affordable access!

—Dr. Robert Schmitt, Pittsburgh, PA

Please help to shrink what is quickly becoming the "chasm of the digital divide." Thank you!

—Henry Mastroberardino, Harrison, NY

We can not get either decent service or decent programming at fair and equitable prices now . No more mergers in cable giants.

—Patricia Frey, Dagsboro, DE

The cable industry needs MORE competition, not less.

—, Kingston, NY

We need more competition, not less. Cable companies are already shutting out seniors on fixed incomes.

—Lee Winslow, Flagstaff, AZ

The public deserves more competition not less. Stop this merger, please.

—Jim Boldin, Austin, TX

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

—Scott Douglas, Fort Worth, TX

This is an end-run around Net Neutrality.

—Cecelia Wisdom, Washington, DC

Everyone can see that this deal would serve only the company owners' interests and not the rest of us. That means you know it, too. Don't let this happen.

—Jeffrey Mills, Eastlake, OH

Please DISapprove this anti competitive merger. Please!

—Rick Wegner, Moscow, ID

Bigger is not better past a certain point. It does not cost any channel more to produce its content based on who and how big the carriers are. People need choices in order to make quality service and of content a concern to the carriers.

—Glenn Taylor, Lakeland, FL

Please help us prevent yet another monopoly.

—Thom Brooks, Harker Heights, TX

Block this merger. Mergers are actually the absorption of one company by another. They never benefit the customers or the workers for those companies. Cable corporations already jack up their prices at will. This merger will make things even worse for everyone except the executives of the dominate corporation.

—Richard Paul Glass, Eugene, OR

It is already bad enough that most places have only one option for internet service, and so those ISPs have no incentive to offer decent service or competitive prices. this merger would certainly legitimize the idea that monopolies are ok in America. Please stop this merger.

—Raymond Duval, Galena, OH

We need more competition, not less!

—Susan Beecher, Chelsea, MI

Say "NO" to monopolistic concentration of market power; say "YES" to INCREASING competition! DISAPPROVE the Charter-Time Warner Cable merger!

—John Clef de Piñeiro Esq., New York, NY

Monopoly is never the answer.

—Faith Dezwarte, Springfield, MO

Anti-trust should apply in this case -- it's rather obvious. We need more choices, not less. Larger companies only bring us grief, higher costs and less opportunity for what we need and want. Block this merger in the best interests of the public. It's why the FCC exists.

—Dirk Faegre, Gouldsboro, ME

What happened to the antitrust law??

—Marlene Magone, Prospect, CT

I'd like to see telecom infrastructure either nationalized to take full advantage of the efficiency and equality of access that can be achieved through central (and democratically controlled) authority or firms diversified to take advantage of market competition. Consolidation of private sector firms is the very last thing I want to see. Too big to fail is too big to exist, and given the importance of our communications infrastructure, applying that model to it is potentially as disastrous as it is for the finance sector.

—John Horstman, Milwaukee, WI

There are many areas of our economy where continued competition is likely to produce better products for the consumer. Given the numerous products available over internet connections that eschew more traditional entertainment delivery, cable TV is one of those products for which diverse offerings in the marketplace are (1) poised for continued competition and (2) the customer is poorly served by larger cable companies. Please keep these companies separate.

—Ian Davis, Cornelia, GA

If we allow this to go through, Theodore Roosevelt will be spinning in his grave. #NoMonopolies

—Donald Mohr, Austin, TX

What, we ain't got enough monopolies in this mofo already? Negatory on the corporate thieves, there, good buddy.

—Alan D McLemore, Beaumont, TX

Please consider the future of our democracy and the legacy we are leaving our grandchildren who depend on our wisdom of today for the world they will live in tomorrow.was it Descartes who said that "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely" ? Let our precious democracy not fall into such peril that it might take another revolution to free our future generations. Thank you. Marieli Rowejj

—Rowe Marieli, Madison, WI

Monopolies do not make a free market.

—Margaret Goodman, Glen Mills, PA

Chairman Wheeler, please stop the Charter/Time Warner cable merger, this impinges on our basic rights - thank you.

—Mark Morano, Allston, MA

WE DO NOT NEED CABLE GIANTS MONOPOLIZING AND GUTTING THE PUBLIC ON PRICES! THERE NEEDS TO BE COMPETITION.

—Maggie Schafer, Boulder, CO

Remember the anti-trust law??????

—Penelope A. Moore, Pensacola, FL

This will become a HUGE monopoly!

—Jose Davila, Chandler, AZ

This is INSANE!! This is NOT capitalism. This is monopoly, and it is undemocratic and un-American. Democracy can not survive when there is only one voice providing information--and gouging us for it.

—Philip Jaffe, Los Angeles, CA

We need more competition, not less

—Ray Griswold, Sacramento, CA

These companies and businesses are getting TOO BIG and that is making them TOO-BIG-TO-FAIL type of businesses and dangerous for the public to comply with their business practice. Also when these businesses get that big they set their own prices that are usually too high for the average citizen and the POOR.

—Donald McCormick, Portland, OR

This deal is just as bad as the Verizon Time Warner merger. As it is, major telecom's already wield too much power, influence, and effectively blockade most attempts for small and municipal ISP's from "competing" in their market area.

—Greg Peterson, La Crescent, MN

Chairman Wheeler, you have the power to do what it takes to increase competition and stop this merger. Please use your power to stop this deal.

—Karen Fitzgerald, New York, NY

We consumers are being unconscionably exploited by the big telecoms like Comcast. It's time to break these monopolies up and open the door to competition.

—Jeanine Center, Ann Arbor, MI

We're supposed to be protected from monopolies by our government. Please do not permit these huge corporations to merge.

—Charlene Woodcock, Berkeley, CA

Customer service is bad enough as it is. It will be even worse after a merger.

—, Fort Worth, TX

Monopoly is a large part of the financial problems in the country. Less competition and too big to fail. Please stop it in this instance.
—Bob Gardner, Florence, MA

Cable service holds too many Americans prisoner to lousy, expensive service. It's a monopoly enterprise. To get a dozen TV channels that we'll watch, we must purchase hundreds. Why should this be allowed?
—Charles Quinn, Columbus, OH

We need more competition, not less.
—Theresa Hadden-Martinez, Placitas, NM

but if you're actually secretly receiving a paycheck from Time Warner, then please forget the foregoing.
—Steven K. Uchida, San Francisco, CA

We have too many monopolies as it is ...
—Steve Irwin, Melbourne Beach, FL

Anti-trust regulations must be enforced...vigorously.
—John G. Nickum, Fountain Hills, AZ

Most of us would prefer to have more of a choice!
—Polly Tarpley, Poulsbo, WA

Support real competition Level the playing field - not make it more Toxic
—Lajeanne Kline, Bend, OR

Block this horrible merger. 2 corporations whose service sucks will create a behemoth with twice the incompetence!
—Barbara Graham, San Diego, CA

As a Charter customer, I already feel the financial burden of lack of competition in the cable industry. Why enable a stronger monopoly over consumers?
—Regina Snyder, Mansfield Ctr, CT

I am a TWC customer and I am already very dissatisfied with their service and continual price increases. I fear that prices will escalate and service will continue to decline if this merger happens.
—Ronald Morgan, Dublin, OH

No one company should control that much of the cable television market
—Michael Schmitz, Toledo, OH

Both of them are already a monopoly - and a lousy company because of it. As every monopoly in this country, consumer service is designed so that nobody will ever use it or can get it if something is wrong, lousy service, way too high prices. I am trying to get to a different cable company - there isn't one (which is illegal, isn't it?). So please don't make it worse than it already is - instead, could you please make sure that you INCREASE competition instead?
—Anja Mueller, Mount Pleasant, MI

Prices for cable are already over priced while service is steadily declining without this merger that would further this trend.
—George corneliusson, Rocky Hill, CT

Enough is enough with these cable mergers. Our nation is falling further behind on internet speeds and increased competition is the only way to improve them.

—Brandon Owens, Northport, AL

Words are nice but actions that favor the American people are what matter.

—Dante Renzoni, Medford, WI

Haven't we had enough of large companies bullying us? The only people that will benefit from this merger are the lobbyists and the corporate giants by lining their pockets with our money! Mr. Wheeler, please help protect us working class by blocking this merger...

—Susan Jett, Seagoville, TX

Please block this merger. Thank you.

—Laurel Aust, Albany, OR

To use an old cliché, the Chairman needs to put his money where his mouth seems to be. This merger is stupid beyond belief for consumers.

—Lewis Redding, Arcadia, CA

I currently only have one choice. Americans should be able to choose their internet provider.

—Mike Veon, Milwaukee, WI

I am a Comcast customer. I hate this company for its crappy service and exorbitant fees. If there were a viable alternative that serves my neighborhood, I'd switch providers in a heartbeat. This company needs MORE competition, not less!

—Tim Dodd, Norcross, GA

There needs to be greater competition in this country, especially in so-called regulated utilities

—hendrika umbanhowar, Rochester, MN

Please follow your words with action by preventing competition in this industry!

—Zeno Yuki, Fox River Grove, IL

Considering the not always wonderful service Comcast provides on its own, a bigger Comcast/Warner combo will probably be even less receptive to customer complaints. Don't go down this terrible road!

—Dean R. Sigler, Aloha, OR

Chairman Wheeler, please take action to do what is right and block this merger. As it stands right now, I purchase the cheapest internet available and do not have HD TV...why? BECAUSE I CANNOT AFFORD TO UPGRADE WITH CURRENT PRICING LEVELS. And I am one of the lucky ones just being able to purchase the minimum services. Please, please stop this merger. Thank you!!!

—Elizabeth Welkie, Enola, PA

Monopolies and oligopolies are not good for consumers.

—Lee Newberg, Albany, NY

"Fascism should more appropriately be called Corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power." - Benito Mussolini (author of the doctrine of fascism)

—Arnold Strang, Mountlake Terrace, WA

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