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I am very concerned about large scale mergers in the communications industry, most recently and specifically Charter Communications preparations to acquire Time Warner Cable and Bright House.

My concern is in 2 areas; first, Charter has been in bankruptcy court many times and obviously has trouble running its current business. Can they handle these acquisitions?

Second, Charter has a history of offering unfavorable and anti-competitive terms to independent programmers and flatly refuses to carry One America News Network, without any legitimate reason.

To allow Charter to rapidly expand when it has had trouble simply running its own business and mistreats independent programmers isn't good for the industry or America.

Respectfully yours,
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