

If Comcast and Time Warner are allowed to merge with Adelphia, the two companies will control nearly 50 percent of the national market. This level of concentration in the cable industry will lead to higher consumer rates and lower quality service.

There are no options. What happened to competition?

I am being deprived of my freedom of choice.

I pay almost \$100 for cable with only one premium channel plus Starz. I can't afford cable Internet at another \$50. The programming is repetitive and many of the channels apply to special interest groups only.

Repeats of shows from the 60's, 70's and 80's seem to proliferate, old movies and a series of repetitive themes don't seem like a value to me.

Cable companies have become less responsive to the needs and requirements of communities. The quality of public accountability in local franchise agreements has declined, as big companies leverage their power to squeeze local governments.

The cable company wants us to do it all alone. They don't want to help any more and our local shows haven't improved at all. There is a very limited number due to the lack of assistance that had once been available.