

I support the Petitions to Deny the Comcast/Time Warner/Adelphia Merger, MB Docket No. 05-192, filed by civil rights organizations, citizens and consumer groups, religious organizations, labor unions, and over 25,000 individuals who care about free speech and consumer choice. Allowing the two largest cable companies to control entire regions of the United States, does NOT serve the public interest.

If the FCC does allow the merger, it should impose conditions that promote independent programming, protect public access, and otherwise require these giant companies to respect and address the needs of local communities. The FCC should also help create real choices for video programming by giving competitors access to regional sports programming and other competitive programming or services.

In conclusion, I ask the FCC to consider the interests of the millions of people like me who pay the bills and rely on cable television for programming and news. We need a world where cable companies air programming that serves local communities and where competition gives us lower prices and more choices. Many of us already have enough trouble trying to afford cable TV. Don't make it easier for Comcast and Time Warner to block free speech, raise prices, and keep out competitors.

Thank you for your consideration.