

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed Comcast-NBC merger.

In my city Comcast is already the primary cable and Internet company. If they are allowed to takeover NBC-Universal they will also own one of the main broadcast stations in my community. That means one company will control my access to news and information over the air, on cable, and on the web. That's too much control for any one company.

My community is going to be hit particularly hard by this merger. The consequences of unchecked media consolidation are clear. As big media get bigger, we end up with fewer jobs in our newsrooms, more sensationalism and celebrity gossip instead of real news, and media that are out of touch with what our communities need.

Comcast has a long history of promising one thing, and doing another. We can't simply hand over our valuable public airwaves to another Big Media giant. I am deeply concerned about how Comcast's ownership of NBC will impact NBC and Telemundo owned and operated stations and impact NBC affiliates around the country. Comcast has promised to take a hands off approach, but Comcast has also proven they can't be trusted.

This takeover will do nothing good for my community, my state or our democracy. The FCC must protect our public airwaves and stand up against this merger.

Democracy depends on an educated and informed citizenry, and the Fourth Estate, which has been plundered by the oligarchs for a long time, is essential if the US is to survive as a free nation. This merger, if allowed, would be just one more straw for that sagging camel. Please stop it!