

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed Comcast-NBC 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's proposed takeover of NBC-Universal and its broadcast stations is particularly troubling. The largest cable and Internet access provider could also control one of the nation's largest movie and TV studios. That's too much power for one company, and it's a threat to competition and innovation at a moment when new forms of online video delivery are emerging.

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 merger will have a direct negative impact on competition, innovation and consumer choice and would likely usher in a new wave of media giants as other companies scramble to match Comcast-NBC's market power.

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