

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

Since the 1990s, media consolidation has been on a fast track. Then we had approximately 20 media companies providing, books, newspapers, radio, news and entertainment. Because of consolidation and mergers, we now have between 5-6 large corporations that control everything the American people, see, hear, read and ultimately think. A merger of this size continue a trend to further reduce the variety of information available to the American people. Without the free flow of knowledge, even knowledge that goes against the agendas of these corporations, we will have a weakening effect on democracy and the sharing of information.

A merger of this size would give one company unprecedented control over media content and platforms. It would allow the largest cable and Internet access provider to control one of the nation's largest media companies. It would also give Comcast-NBC an incentive to prioritize its own online content over other content and stifle the free flow of Internet traffic.

That's too much power for one company, and it threatens competition and innovation at a moment when new forms of online video delivery are emerging.

This merger would negatively affect competition and prompt a new wave of media consolidation as other companies scramble to match Comcast-NBC's market power, making these problems even worse.

A bigger, more powerful Comcast will do nothing to address the pressing need for better media in our communities and our democracy. The FCC must stop this merger.