

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

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.

On the Internet companies should be divided into Service Providers (pipes only) and Application or Content Providers. A service provider should not be allowed to own content or it may have a conflict of interest to prioritize content it owns thru its own platforms. As such satellite TV customers of providers Dish Network and DirecTV may be unfairly and anticompetitively impacted by this deal. Should this deal go through Comcast which has already agreed to a few concessions regarding retransmission of NBC video content via other provider's TV services must be required to comply with Network Neutrality rules and not put content behind a paywall on the Internet. They must make concessions regarding their high speed Internet access business -- in broadband must agree to not mess with the Open Internet, slowdown connections, mess with web traffic or legal content or services in any way -- no corporate censorship, blocking or slowing down access to specific websites.

Comcast must practice reasonable network management we demand whether the deal goes thru or not they treat all Internet traffic and content fairly. Comcast must make concessions regarding their high speed Internet access business as well. As a consumer I demand the U.S. Government and the Federal Communications Commission implement policies to put a People Powered Internet first -- one of universal and open access. We need more competition, and affordable choices not less. I say stop this merger or impose at the very least conditions that Comcast must not interfere with the Open Internet. Reject their TV Everywhere paywall for being anti consumer and anti competitive.

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.