

AT&T's takeover of T-Mobile would stifle choice and innovation in the market, harm consumers, and lead to higher prices and fewer jobs nationwide. Don't let AT&T put our mobile future at risk. Please stand with me and reject such reckless consolidation of the mobile industry.

If you were around in the 80s, you might be experiencing a horrible flashback right about now. It's because AT&T, that monopoly that once lorded over your rotary phone, has resurfaced with a scheme to rule your mobile phone as well.

Back in the 80s, AT&T's power was near absolute. That's why government regulators stepped in to break it up and protect the American people against abuse.

Now, with AT&T's planned \$39 billion takeover of T-Mobile, we're reaching the danger point again.

Unless the FCC rejects this merger, Americans stand to lose control over the future of communications. That's why and I so many have filed comments before already with the FCC asking that this outrageous merger be rejected and why I'm doing so again.

We can't let just two companies — AT&T and Verizon — control nearly 80 percent of the mobile marketplace. If the FCC rubber-stamps this deal, we'll be giving these companies unchecked power at our expense.

That means you'll be paying more to have AT&T drop your calls; and access to popular applications like Skype, Slingbox and Google Earth will be limited even further if AT&T lets us use them at all. Smartphones have placed incredible power in the hands of people across the country and the world. We can't let that go. We can't go back to the bad old days when AT&T's Ma Bell system controlled our communications infrastructure.

AT&T wants you to believe that its takeover of T-Mobile would be good for jobs, innovation and the economy, while saving you hundreds of dollars on your mobile bills.

Don't believe the fairy tale. If this deal goes through, just two companies, AT&T and Verizon, would control nearly 80 percent of the mobile market in America. With too few choices, mobile phone users would face higher prices, poorer service, and less innovation.