

Verizon & Big Cable Want To Divide Up The Internet For Themselves



Verizon has struck a backroom deal with a cartel of cable companies — including Comcast, Time Warner Cable and Cox Communications — to stop competing against one another and instead divvy up the spoils of the growing mobile market. And they're keeping mum on the details of this arrangement.

Whether you use a mobile phone or a desktop to access the Internet, this secret deal is bad news for anyone wanting online communications to be affordable and open to all. The public must know the specifics about these shenanigans — and the FCC should reject this deal.

Verizon's proposed deal with Comcast, Time Warner Cable and other cable companies would destroy competition in the broadband market.

This transaction will have a dramatic impact on the public interest. However, these companies have refused to share important details about their agreement to sell one another's services instead of competing for customers.

I urge the FCC to require these companies to submit full versions of these agreements. Independent parties must be able to assess the full impact of this deal on competition and consumers.