

If the deal between Verizon Wireless and large cable companies such as Time Warner and Comcast goes through, it will end up costing the consumer much more than a higher monthly bill. The lack of cable competition will send my cable and Internet rates up, but the hidden costs will be even bigger. With no competition, I will lose the freedom to choose between providers. And with no incentive to keep up with improvements, communities will lose the chance to connect to a high-speed future. We are facing an information monopoly, and as U.S. history has shown, monopolies end up doing harm and being dissolved by the government. We should not go down that path again.