

Verizon Wireless and the nation's largest cable companies, including Comcast and Time Warner, have tentatively agreed to work together and sell each other's products and services. If the deal between Verizon Wireless and large cable companies goes through, it will end up costing consumers more than they currently pay today.

The lack of cable competition will send cable and Internet rates up. With no competition, consumers 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 all saw what happened when XM Radio and Sirius merged -- rates went up, services were reduced, and consumers lost. With the US sitting at number 30 in the list of countries for Internet access, can we really afford to let the telephone and cable companies take advantage of consumers even more? Please vote NO on the agreement between Verizon and the cable companies.

Sincerely,

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