

If the deal between Verizon Wireless and large cable companies goes through, it will end up costing much more than the price of cable subscription.

The lack of cable competition will send cable and Internet rates up, but the hidden costs will be even bigger. With no competition, we 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.

Please do not allow this to happen. As it is, cable companies have a monopoly - I cannot choose which cable company I want to subscribe to - I must use the one in my area.

Media conglomerates are not good for the country. Once there was a law limiting the number of stations (tv and radio) a company could have in a given area. This law existed for a reason - so that no one (or two or three) companies could control ALL media. We need to return to that law.