

It has come to my attention that Verizon Wireless and a cable T.V. consortium including Comcast and Time Warner have proposed a deal to become a mega-company and sell each other's products and services.

From past history of monopoly formation, we know that if the deal between Verizon Wireless and large cable companies goes through, Americans can expect cable and Internet rates to increase substantially.

However, the hidden costs will be even bigger. With decreased 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.

I am writing this to demand that you prohibit this telecommunications monopoly from taking place. Part of your organization's mission is to protect American citizens from fraud in the telecommunications industry and from economic abuse by corporations within this industry. I expect you to do so in this situation.

Sincerely,  
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