

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

The lack of cable competition will send your cable and Internet rates up, but the hidden costs will be even bigger. With no competition, we'll 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. This information monopoly will continue to funnel money out of the pockets of consumers and into the pockets of cable and wireless executives.

The only thing consumers will get out of this deal are higher prices and fewer choices.