

Verizon Wireless and the nation's largest cable companies including Comcast and Time Warner have inked a deal to come 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 much more than the price of the cable bill. All that consumers will get out of this deal are higher prices and fewer choices.

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

Verizon and the cable companies were recently forced to disclose details of a deal they were trying to push through in secret. In spite of that disclosure, the deal is still moving forward. Consumer voices must be heard until attempts to monopolize the market are stopped completely.