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To: FCC

Re: No Monopoly for Verizon, Block the Verizon/Big Cable Monopoly

*Allowing Verizon and the other big cable companies to sell each others' services would mean worse service and higher bills for consumers. It'll deepen the digital divide, cutting off poor and rural communities for high speed access. It'll also mean thousands of lost jobs.*

*Verizon and the other cable giants Verizon and the cable giants want their monopoly deal to go through to make life easier for them. Instead of having to compete against each other for our business, they'll just be able to raise prices and leave consumers without another choice. The deal would funnel money out of the pockets of consumers and workers into the pockets of cable and wireless executives.*

*With no competition, the rural communities where Verizon has already been reluctant to extend its best services will be left behind. Everywhere else, we'll see higher costs for worse service. Verizon and cable executives will surely increase their profits and bonuses, but the only thing consumers would get out of this deal are higher prices, fewer choices, and fewer job opportunities.*

We need the FCC to represent the interests of consumers. Creating a Monopoly is not part of the fabric of our economic system. I urge you not to cater to the greed of corporate interests.