

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed agreement between Verizon and the major cable television service providers that would allow the companies to sell each others' services. As a resident of a rural area of Upstate New York, I currently do not have access to either cable television or to a high speed internet connection. If this deal is allowed to go through, there will never be a business need for either the cable companies or Verizon to upgrade their infrastructure in the area and we will likely be left without adequate, modern access to the internet. I also believe that the agreement would result in much higher costs for all consumers with no improvement in services while the companies are able to pocket higher and higher profits. This is a bad deal that should not be approved.