

Dear FCC Board Members:

I am a student who recently moved to Athens, OH to pursue my PhD in Psychology. When moving here, I was surprised to find that I only had one choice of companies to provide my Cable and Internet services - Time Warner. Those services are more expensive than I can afford as a student and I am forced to purchase the bare minimum - internet only. As a graduate student, internet is a must. But it is still more expensive than I should reasonably have to budget as a student. At home in Louisiana I had choices. If this trend continues, these choices may not exist when I return home in four years.

My point is this - when only one company provides a service in an area they can charge whatever price they want. When Time Warner, Verizon, and Comcast are allowed to offer each other services in the same area they will be able to use this influence to run out any remaining competitors. At that point, they can set the rates for each of their respective services equally high and divide up our country and run with our money.

This country has always stood up for it's citizens by protecting their rights against corporations that wish to monopolize a market and charge whatever they want for their goods and services. To approving this deal you are taking an unprecedented move that will financially over-burden our nations citizens and leave us helpless against these corporations. Please stop this deal from happening.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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