

Dear FCC:

I writing you to express my feelings about the proposed Comcast + Time Warner merger (docket number **05-192**). You probably get a lot of these letters so let me be brief:

DON'T DO THIS!

I'm not a lawyer and I'm going to bet that 99% of these comments will come from lawyers with a vested interest in the outcome - just read a little about me and how this hurts people normal people just like me.

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I'm a 32 year old web developer working on a new application to help food trucks called GoodTruck. It's the type of thing you political types always talk about wanting to encourage in our society: entrepreneurs tackling real-world problems and creating jobs. Here I am, doing it.

But then what do I read over the last couple of weeks? The FCC's inability to put together a reliable regulatory framework for internet communications - one that would ensure net neutrality so little guys like me don't have to pay the carriers twice for bandwidth - allowed slippery Verizon and their A+ legal team to invalidate all of the net neutrality framework. This dominoed and then forced Netflix to capitulate and pay Comcast to allow their service to be carried.

Fast forward to a world with ComTimeCastWarner - or whatever the combined entity will call itself: they now control 19/20 of the largest markets, they own NBC content (also fishy) and made a deal with Netflix to prioritize their traffic over their pipes.

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So back to my little world. Let's say, by some lucky stroke, GoodTruck gets real traction and the food truck industry loves what I'm doing. And our consumer facing app generates a lot of traffic around lunch time on mobile networks, so much traffic that I get phone calls from Verizon and Comcast: pay me or we slow you down.

Is that the world you want?

Thats just more giant corporations stuffing their profits in the Caymans - you govies don't even get to tax them! What kind of sense does this make?
The internet has been such an amazing platform for our society because it is uncontrolled by the

stagnating forces of corporate America. You can let this beautiful thing we call the Internet fall into the hands of 4-5 corporations like the US government has with every other industry in this country. Finance, energy, healthcare - they are all oligopoly controlled and as a result, the rate of innovation in those industries is measured in decades, not months like it is with the internet.

FCC you've managed to keep net neutrality for this long, don't let Comcast get even bigger and put this thing in jeopardy. And if you're going down the road of recreating MaBell here - you better regulate these communication providers under the common carrier principle. While you are at it, you should make Comcast divest NBC and Google divest Google Fiber - keep the networks and content separate.

We need you FCC - wake up and do something. Not tomorrow, not the next day - RIGHT NOW.

Concerned Citizen,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Serrao', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

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