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As as a resident of Philadelphia for over 15 years, I have watched Comcast expand, shutting out other providers in the city, making it impossible for consumers to purchase cable and internet services from a variety of companies. Previously I was able to use the existing cable line in my house to access free OTA channels (per Comcast's agreement with the city); only a few months ago I discovered the OTA channels were scrambled, and Comcast was requiring me to lease a small box to make viewing these channels again possible. If Comcast cannot keep an agreement as simple as this with the citizens of its corporate headquarters, I fear for what it may do to subscribers across the country.

Some people might say that we are offered an option--Verizon--but I disagree. I think that limiting one's choices to two national corporations is a choice in the weakest sense, and frequently I wish I could support another service. Unfortunately, if this merger is approved, mine and the options of numerous Americans will be severely curtailed.

I DO NOT support the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. I believe the FCC must do everything to protect a thriving broadcast and broadband marketplace, not pave the road for a large monopoly.