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Dear Sir Or Madame:

This is in every way a terrible decision. Comcast has already started to discriminate and prevent legitimate users of online services from accessing them via their network. (HBO Go users are denied access by Comcast as one clear example. Their charging a toll to Netflix to NOT lower their delivery speeds is another). Comcast have not taken any steps to improve upon their network infrastructure, and with a much larger captured audience, would have no incentive to do so. Rather than allowing this merger to proceed, the best course of action that the FCC could take would be to classify Internet as a Telecommunications service and apply common carrier rules. Additionally, the FCC should move to nullify exclusive carrier arrangements and open up all markets to competition, allowing Time Warner to COMPETE with Comcast, rather than fold into them.

The United States prides itself as a nation as an innovator and Free Market where anyone can compete and succeed. Under the current cable and telecommunications structure, not only is competition squashed in the cable industry, but Internet innovation in terms of delivery service is being squandered. One only need to see the capabilities being brought about on a small scale by companies such as Google and Aereo to see how much further we can take our online services if more companies were given the access to the networks that taxpayers have paid Comcast to build. It is time to reclaim our national information infrastructure by denying this merger and reclassifying Internet services as the vital service it truly is.