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To the Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice:

Please Reject the Proposed Comcast/Time Warner Cable Merger

We ask that you reject the proposed Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger because it is not in the public interest. We believe the merger would hinder achievement of the objectives public regulatory bodies are intended to serve--without compensatory features of any sort. Our country's internet services compare unfavorably to those of other countries, and the merger would likely make them worse and more difficult to improve.

We need more competition in the cable and Internet marketplace, not less. A merged Comcast/TWC conglomerate would dominate U.S. cable and broadband, leading to higher prices, fewer program choices, and worse customer service.

More specifically, according to Consumer Reports, the merged entity would

- > Control two-thirds of the nation's cable subscribers, five times that of any other cable company and 50 percent more than the largest satellite TV service,
- > Control nearly 40 percent of the U.S. broadband market,
- > Force content providers to pay more to get their programming on, passing those price hikes on to customers, and
- > Combine two companies that already rank at the bottom of the American Consumer Satisfaction Index based on surveys with over 70,000 consumers.

The Economist, in opposing the merger, wrote in its March 15, 2014, edition that a merger would "reduce competition, provide no benefit to consumers and sap the incentive to innovate."

Please weigh all facts and factors affecting the public and national interest, including what is best for our economy, in making your decision.

Thank you for your attention.


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