

To whom it may concern,

Please block the merger of Comcast and Time Warner cable.

The companies already exert monopolistic control over the United States broadband market. In addition, these companies have colluded to not compete within the same regions, and the proposed merger agreement will further decrease competition by creating subsidiary companies for which Comcast will own a controlling stake. (The portion of the merger agreement that involve Charter Communications.) The overall effect of these additional provisions to the merger will create an illusion that there is more competition within the broadband market (a market for which there are substantial barriers to enter, and extraordinarily limited ability to compete against companies which use their market leverage and (mostly government-funded) infrastructure to shut out competition.) If this is allowed to go forth, the ISPs will have further reduced competition and have established that the FCC is willing to keep over for the sake of large, monied interests.

Furthermore, please define ISPS as 'Common Carriers.' It's just common sense. ISPs are attempting to use legal protection granted to common carriers without being held to the market restrictions that are a natural part of being a common carrier.

Thanks,

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