

I write in opposition to the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner. As a resident of Pittsburgh, I have two poor choices for internet and cable...Comcast or Verizon. Comcast's contract terms and service are very poor, including service times that are not customer friendly, prices that are over what would be market rate if they had competition, and products that are very underwhelming for the cost. Verizon is not much better. The rest of the world gets higher internet speeds at better rates because of competition. We need more of it not less.

I realize that Comcast is arguing that they do not directly compete with Time Warner. That's pure BS. While they may not compete in localities, they colluded to get it that way. Furthermore, a merger would bring both companies considerable media resources, subsidiaries, and content under one umbrella, creating a juggernaut that can kill other companies. Comcast/Time Warner wouldn't have to out compete companies, when it would just make money charging for content. Furthermore, the merger would lead to a further consolidation of media, affecting the already piss poor "free press" that Americans rely on to do their patriotic civic duty.

The FCC is charged with looking out for the best interest of consumers, not lining the pockets of corporate campaign donors. Do your jobs. Stop this merger.