

I OPPOSE the merger of Comcast and Time Warner for the following reasons:

1. It creates a monopoly whereby citizens will not be given a choice of what cable companies they want to use.
2. In small towns and rural areas they will be able to undercut the other local cable companies until they force them out of business and then they will raise their rates. Similar to what Walmart has done to K-mart and local mom and pop stores.
3. Comcast has already blocked the RFD programming in many communities saying no one in urban communities such as Detroit are interested in farm programming. This is totally not true - we have urban gardening programs and many of us enjoy Country and Western music and the other programs they have. But some group of stuffy upper crust board members more interested in promoting all the porn and paid tv commercials decide I can't have one decent program. My current programming that I pay \$180 for a month - which is hard on a senior citizen gets 22 Spanish programs, 3 Arab programs, a host of porn programs that I have to block, and the whole morning is filled with paid television ads and I can't get the news. Lets promote RFD and good programming such as this.
- 4 Comcast has horrible customer service! Plus they actually penalize their call center personnel by not upgrading them if they actually take the time to help someone. They are told instead to drop the call and get off within 3 minutes or no upgrade in pay.
5. I pay a premium to have the fastest internet service yet repeatedly Comcast puts me on a "limited network" and I can't even get e-mail or use my search engine. Currently there are 12 of us in the neighborhood and when everyone comes up on line Comcast lines cannot handle the traffic - even our digital tv gets more dedigitalize so I get poor reception.

Don't allow the merger and make them give us RFD in all areas of Michigan