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I wish to express my concern about the potential merger of AT&T U-Verse with DIRECTTV and Comcast Cable with Time Warner Cable. If approved these two mergers would result in over half the programming in the United States being controlled by just TWO companies.

I am particularly concerned with the comments of Mr. David Cohen, Executive Vice-President of COMCAST during a hearing with the House Sub-Judiciary Committee on May 8th. While explaining the Comcast decision to drop RFD-TV from programming in the entire states of Colorado and New Mexico and then adding Al-Jazeera America two days later, he stated that Comcast is "primarily an urban-clustered cable company?". My concern is that this is representative of the views of executives of other cable companies as well, particularly those whose mergers are now being contemplated.

Giving a virtual monopoly to a handful of companies takes away any leverage that their customers might have. Competition is a good thing. It results in an efficient business who is responsive to their customers. I would hope that the government would understand this.

In the event that these mergers are approved, I hope that the government will insure that those of us who live in the rural areas of the United States or who come from a rural background, will not be ignored when it comes to programming. I would hope that some protections would be put in place for us and that the type of family channels that we enjoy and watch, such as RFD-TV will not be dropped to make way for foreign owned or controlled channels such as Al Jazeera or BBC!