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My Comcast bill periodically increases for inexplicable reasons, and I had to threaten to go to their competitors in order to get a slightly lower rate. I am lucky to live in an area where competition still exists, but if the merger is allowed to go through, Comcast will never have to explain any charges or lower their rates. Rather than grant unlimited power over consumers to Comcast, why doesn't Congress investigate ways to force the cable companies to allow the consumer to choose to pay for only the channels he or she wants? I now have over 200 channels and would love the option to get an affordable cable package that includes only the 8 or 9 channels that I actually watch!