

. Dear Mr. Chairman, The American System of democracy and free market economy is the best system in the world. Over a relatively short period of time (200 years or so), we've shown the world, and belied history, that this system is the best possible system realized thus far and that we know of, for developing, enriching the lives of, maximizing, and sustaining, a viable middle class. The creation of a viable and sustained middle class is the essence of what can help to save the world from self annihilation and eventual ruin. Despite this, and more important to the goal for human self preservation than merely creating a sustained economy is the much deeper and critically more vital doctrine that it is rooted in. This is simply, creating for ourselves the desire and the achievement of self evaluation and ultimately self improvement. The ability to look at oneself critically, as an individual or in this case, as a society, and act upon that in a manner that will manifest itself in a constantly improving cycle, is the key to recognizing who we are, and why we are here. Only by improving the system we define for ourselves can we endeavor to insure the continued existence of that system. In the case of a democratic, market economy, the system can never be perfect. It is defined by ebbs and flows, cycles, and the limitations placed on it by the mere fact that we are human and subject to the flaws of human nature. As trite as this may seem, the never ending search for improvement is a difficult, but necessary factor in creating a better civilization. If we can adopt this philosophy, as we have done for the most part in this country, we can continue to evolve. Without it, we will most certainly perish. In the case of the merger of Comcast and Time Warner, we must recognize first and foremost that our system is simply NOT PERFECT. By looking deeper into ourselves as humans, we would most certainly recognize that at some point, we have to stem the tide that would eventually set us on a path of ruin, sometimes artificially modifying the system that would otherwise lead us to disaster. By creating only large corporate environments that no longer serve to meet the goals of the greater good, and remove both competition and more importantly, the ability for us to create competition, we fail miserably. I implore you sir, to see beyond what those who would control that system in ways that serve only their best interest, but rather serve more importantly our children, and their children who may not be born yet, and steer this megaship from its due course into the abyss. Again, as trite as this seems, at some point, the system fails, and runs itself aground. Intelligent men, wise men, men with a greater vision, must take the leadership role on our behalf, in determining when that system no longer serves the common good, but only a select few. I suspect you have the ability to be that leader for us. I ask that you take that responsibility on yourself, and reject this idea that you can save two companies by making them one. I am certain of one thing, your lot is painful and difficult, since the options you have to choose from are most likely limited and the prognosis dire in all directions. However, history always has shown that true leaders make the more difficult decisions when called upon. Stand up, please, and save us from ourselves. You will be a better man for it, and your children will thank you.