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I ask that you reject the proposed Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger, and stand up for Americans like me who are sick of skyrocketing cable rates, slow and selective broadband speeds, and lousy customer service. We need more competition in the cable and Internet marketplace, not less, and this mega-merger will result in a Comcast conglomerate that will dominate cable and broadband in our nation -- leading to higher prices, fewer program choices and even worse customer service. If you allow this merger to go through, Comcast will:

- * Control two-thirds of the nation's cable subscribers, five times the subscriber base of any other cable company and 50 percent more than the largest satellite TV service.
- * Control nearly 40 percent of the U.S. broadband market.
- * Have enormous gatekeeper power over the content that reaches consumers
- * Give the company even more power to raise rates for its competitors, passing those price hikes on to customers.
- * Combine two companies that already rank near the bottom of Consumer Reports annual consumer satisfaction survey of 80,000 readers.

Please reject the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger, and give American consumers a break. Sincerely, Thomas Kenny 5649 W Pensacola Ave Chicago, IL 60634-1828