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I have had Comcast since it took over AT&T in California in the early 2000s. I stuck with them at first because the service was good and having cable TV and internet bundled was a time saver. Now, in the last ten years am unable to have another choice for cable television because my apartment faces the wrong direction for any dish network and I do not want to have separate bills because the cable charges would remain the same, expensive! Hence the problem, Comcast service has declined into what you might expect if you lived somewhere else in the world where internet and cable access were a luxury and not a daily necessity for individuals and families. Rates have gone through the roof in 15 years, and I can never get through a year without filing many time-consuming complaints about the performance of services, equipment, and billing practices. To which you may or may not receive adequate service and may take months to correct. Rather than to inform me that my modem that I was renting from them had been outdated and was no longer on their service list for at least the last three years, I was charged for multiple service calls to my house where someone checked the outside equipment and my severe problems with internet access continued. Fed up, I finally purchased and replaced everything in my home with new computers, printers, routers, and called them for a new modem and this is when I learned that my old modem was the problem after spending thousands of dollars on new equipment unnecessarily. This happened either because they will not keep their customers informed without them having the intuition to dig at just the right time to see and understand what causes their own problems. Or this is another way they skim extra money from customers. The service is substandard and already too big to justify the prices they charge. Rates that I am certain will continue at an alarming rate if this merger is approved. Comcast needs to focus on quality of products, services, and fair pricing, and not expanding into a monopoly at this time. I think it's dangerous to have our nation's high-speed Internet service dominated by one corporation who will also set pricing for those services. Americans need more choices not fewer, right now everything we consumers use is made by just a handful of companies, things that could best be done by small companies. Conglomerates and monopolies are effectively killing the American Dream for many Americans.