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I urge you to vote against Comcast's proposed merger with Time Warner. In recent years Comcast has obtained a virtual monopoly on cable service in my area. As their market dominance has increased the quality of service has declined to an all-time low. In order to maintain access to local and international news and local public service programming, (city council and school board mtgs.) we must have a cable subscription, and the cost of even a basic cable package has more than doubled in the last few years. Further, quality of broadcast service is very poor. Often channels which are supposed to be included in our package are not available. Additionally we frequently lose either sound or picture midway through a broadcast. We often make repeated calls to schedule service & then may wait upwards of a week for a technician. This is a particular problem for consumers who purchase bundled services, ie cable television, phone & internet as they are completely cut off. Service providers such as Comcast are expected to provide affordable access to local civic programming as well as lifeline phone service to members of the community. The poor service provided by Comcast constitutes a denial of this basic access.