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Please do not allow this to go forward. These companies already have too much power over pricing for local customers within their monopoly regions, with too little competition, and the only thing that keeps them in check is the national reach of alternate content providers, such as Netflix. By allowing them to merge they would gain the upper hand in negotiations for data rights and drive these competitors to raise prices drastically or go away altogether, leaving users trapped with their already overpriced, poor quality services. It will destroy the level playing field that the internet is in it's current state and give unfair advantage to the multi-billion dollar companies that need advantage the least. This would not be protective of consumer rights or beneficial for the people at large.