# Attachment A

Statements of Consumers Regarding Their Cable Service

# **California Comcast Stories**

#### **Poor Technical Service**

#### shailaja misra San Jose, CA

I requested a transfer service a week before I moved. When I came in there was no internet at my new place. I scheduled an appointment immediately. They gave me an appointment after 3 days. The technician came in but did not fix the internet. He said he needed access to the maintenance room in the building and the leasing office people are not available. I have called 35 times in 5 days...2 ER requests too. They say some one will call me from dispatcher team but no one calls. Its been a week now and no internet in my house. I literally started crying in front of a comcast representative bcoz I can't take this anymore.

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#### S Duane Stratton Oakland, CA

Totally inept tekkies and lousy customer (non)service. Take the time we had VOD installed. The Comcast tekkie put it in and left. We tried for three days to make it work. Fed up, we called customer service who finally said, "Oh, wait, you don't have VOD in your area." That tekkie never tested his installation and sales sold us something that we didn't have in our area. And that was just one of many instances.... https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=642418;owner=36677;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false

#### Kay Dillon San Francisco, CA

When our Comcast service (voice, internet, TV) repeatedly went out, they sent a cable guy who fixed the problem...that is until he drove away. They insisted that I go down to their service center instead of bringing the equipment I needed to me. There is only one Comcast store for all of San Francisco where I discovered a line snaking out of the door.

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#### Sharon Kimbrell Rohnert Park, CA

Moved to apartment with no TV choice but Comcast. Installer was slow, incompetent, and wanted to leave before hooking up second phone because it was time to go home. Did not provide info about wireless connection; had to spend endless hours on the phone. TV and phone connections were unreliable for first couple months.

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#### **Poor Customer Service**

#### Craig Browning Hayward, CA

Too large of companies owning the media is bad for consumers and democracy.

Also Comcast has very poor customer service with a consistent pattern of handling issues very badly, committing to responses and not responding at all.

Everything from the PC caller id program to the recording of a show incorrectly get no responses.

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Marie Kerpan Mill Valley, CA

One of my business email addresses just stopped receiving emails and I couldn't get anyone at Comcast to fix it for me. Got transferred around and around and had to retell the story to each new customer service rep. There was no record of my pervious conversations with customer service reps. When it finally got resolved, the rep made it sound like it was something that I had done wrong but when I asked him to explain what I'd done so it wouldn't happen again, he couldn't. When I persisted, he simply disconnected the call. Infuriating!

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#### Karl Kaufmann Fresno, CA

I cancelled my television service with Comcast last year because my bill got too high. They tried to charge me \$235.00 for my bundled package. Of course it started out well. But the last three times they raised my bill was because my special ended. How can your special end two more times after it had already ended? I still have internet with Comcast. As they continue to raise my bill I decided to get my own router in order to get rid of the rental fee. After being on the phone for over 2.5 hours and talking with three customer service personnel it was a total failure. A service person had to come out to help. As soon as he looked at my router he said it wouldn't work. The phone line has to be hooked up and Comcast has the only equipment that does this. I asked why couldn't any of the three customer service personnel that I talked to couldn't tell me that. He just shrugged his shoulders.

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#### Diane Berry Manteca, CA

We were already aware of the poor service when we moved back to Manteca so we didn't sign up for cable tv...just internet and we use rabbit ears BUT Comcast closed their office here in Manteca. They have a contract that is not up and are supposed to maintain an office but bugged out leaving customers no place to return equipment or pay bills or take up issues with them. The city is allowing Comcast to buy themselves out of the contract obligation by accepting 'free' internet connections in some of the city buildings. This is not helping the elderly or non driving customers that are roped into Comcasts monopoly of Manteca. We want AT&T Uverse or even Verizon but have NO choice but accept really poor service and slow internet. This is unfair. We can't allow Comcast to strangle even more people. They are not customer friendly and are only for the all mighty buck. Please stop these pieced together monopolies in our communities and allow us the freedom. Airwaves should be for all people, not just those that can afford them or for meager offerings.

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#### Steve Crimi Saratoga, CA

Comcast has the worst help desk service I have ever experienced. On one call, it took me 3 hours to get an issue "resolved", and it wasn't actually solved at the end. They dropped my call 3 times (so I had to start all over), they transferred me to India, back to Az, and then to Ny, and the call quality decrease to the point we couldn't understand each other. They then transferred me to the Microsoft 1-800 number at 10pm, without telling me they were doing that (and I got a Microsoft voice message). It was really sad, and the saddest comment is this is typical. I don't think Comcast management has ever tried using their own service desk. Long waits are typical (they're probably cutting costs for profits). I would ditch them if I could.

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#### George Seits Redwood City, CA

#### Terrible customer service

When I received my cable wireless router (arris) it was not flashed with comcast's software. So I could not change the password, after finely ( or so I thought) getting a appointment to have it replaced. I was told to call back right after I hung up to confirm my appointment and press #1. When I called back to do so, there was no #1 option. Called back in to costumer service, they told me there was no appointment for me. I was then transferred back to tech support, to star the whole process over. This is the third time is tried to do this in three months. I gave up after this last attempt, and bought my owe wireless router. https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=643057;owner=604822;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false

#### **Billing Disputes**

#### Alex Davidson San Francisco, CA

They charge way too much for awful service. I have had to call every week for the last three months to get charges taken off my bill that are either false or incorrect. They keep trying to overcharge. https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=652537;owner=652536;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false

#### John Nester San Francisco, CA

After being condoized out of my apartment of 17+ years, I called Comcast in April, when I had to move out, and alerted them to the fact that I was closing my account. That same month, I returned all equipment belonging to Comcast.

At the end of August, 5 months later, imagine my surprise at being charged \$700 for those 5 months that I was homeless. Imagine my astonishment at receiving a collections letter in the amount of \$700 for services I couldn't possibly have received!

I took the matter up with legal counsel at the AIDS Legal Referral Panel. They wrote a letter to Comcast, and spoke on several occasions with one of Comcast's managers. To date, not one word of apology, or that they plan to fix my credit; nothing. And it's now affecting my credit scores. https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=761811;owner=656419

#### Yong Xie Sunnyvale, CA

I was told to put \$100 deposit when I started internet, TV and home phone service. When we moved and stopped service, Comcast did not refund my deposit. I called many times and every time I was told they were processing. It has been one and half years now. The last time I called and was told the have never received my deposit. God, how a big company like Comcast could lie like this?! I sent the copy of deposit charge and the proof of payment to their billing department, no response so far (5 weeks already). It is frustrating! Is there a way to stop the bulling of big company? My money, my time, what makes Comcast treats customer this way?

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# **High Prices**

Sandy Nall Belmont, CA

Comcast is my only cable choice where I live, and they know it. I have basic cable (nothing fancy), internet and phone. I did the combo to save money which was fine in the beginning but now its out of control, and they know they are my only choice. Too much for seniors. https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=656270;owner=656269;fromCard=true;addContent=false;editMode=false

joan martin novato, CA

Comcast has a monopoly here in Novato...I have a bundle service with them...but their prices keep rising and I'd like to get a

bid from other cable companies...but they are locked out of my area...why should Comcast have the right to have a monopoly...please stop the merger. Comcast is already too big! <u>https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=760422;owner=760421;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false</u>

Swami Hariharananda Carmichael, CA

I was a Comcast consumer for many years. Although Comcast said they were "consumer friendly," they turned out to be anything but. On average, Comcast raised rates between 10-12 percent every six months. The last raise was in January 2014 to a whopping \$86+ monthly statement. Reaching a live person was next to impossible, and Comcast's programming was limited. https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=760023;owner=654299;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false

#### Kathryn Roth Healdsburg, CA

I approached Comcast when our cable/phone/internet bill became too large to handle. We were already on basic cable, the smallest option to choose from. I asked to have the cable dropped from our services and only pay for internet and phone. I was told it would cost more because it would not be 'bundled.' It made no sense to completely drop a product only to pay more. I asked if there was anything we could do to reduce our bill and was told no. After 20+ years as a Comcast customer, I cancelled Comcast that day and will never be a Comcast customer again. They obviously don't need customers, nor do they need to be concerned with loyal customer service. I hope someday others realize they have the power to make changes.

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Robert LaDrigue Sacramento, CA

My bill has more than tripled for the same service over the past 3 years! <u>https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=651862;owner=651861;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false</u>

Monique Geca Richmond, CA

They constantly hike up the price and they do not honor verbal contracts, which their sales people offer!!! <u>https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=651103;owner=651102;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false</u>

#### Lorraine Schmidt Mountain View, CA

Comcast increases their bogus modem rental fee regularly. I paid \$3 per month 3 years ago, and now pay \$8 for the privilege of using a hunk of plugged -in plastic that was fully paid off years ago. And how about so called "government" fees that are completely arbitrary and have nothing to do with the

government, yet "our" government lets them get away with it; it lets them do whatever they want to their customers' detriment. So nice to know we're represented! https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=643319;owner=643318;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false

# **Unreliable Internet**

Nadya Tichman Oakland, CA

Unwieldy pricing structure, unexpected price increases hidden in the fine print and not explained by salespeople. Adjusting the settings on the modem through your computer is unwieldy, with multiple passwords required. Were not able to get Access Control even with the help of customer service. Download and Upload speeds change erratically.

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Tina Clark Chico, CA

Less programming and higher prices/fees. Program packages have been removed, but no price reduction. Less quality. Frequent interruption in internet services without explanation (frequently happens during day time hours when internet is needed).

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Alberto Tancinco San Jose, CA

The cable and internet service are sometimes fast and sometimes very slow. Just changing channels during primetime takes too long. Lately it does not happen as much but last month, it was so frustrating. When the cable service is slow their DVR service slows down a lot! Fast forwarding a recorded program takes you to the end of the show before it responds! And it does the same when rewinding! Too bad I cannot record HD programs on my own DVR otherwise I'll get rid of that DVR service too. I just wish there are more competition so I can get out of that crappy service.

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James Hansen Salinas, CA

Inadequate bandwidth. It is very annoying to watch videos, and impossible to watch movies because of constant buffering. If the resolution of the video is above "grainy", a 5 minute video will take at least ten to fifteen minutes to watch. The search feature in the set top box/DVR is so slow and "clunky" as to be useless. It is virtually impossible to use the Netflix streaming feature because it is so slow and uses the hunt and peck alphabet grid.

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#### Anne Schroder Sebastopol, CA

We had TV internet access to Netflix, HBO and many other internet entertainment sources for two months or more. Then suddenly one day, Comcast cancelled this internet access. We called for home service (we pay extra for this). They came by and said our internet access through the tv was just fine. We asked them to swap the cable box, but they would not do this. We still cannot access the internet through our tv. We purchased Roku and are now able to get Netflix through Roku, but Comcast is still blocking our HBO access which we pay for. Anne

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#### Susan kLAUDA Cloverdale, CA

Service cuts in and out constantly. Watching a movie ? gone. Surfing ? gone. watching youtube ? gone. it happens almost daily. Service interupted. Service slow or patchy? Call for help. well pack a lunch and glue the phone to your head. Old cables ? we had intermittent service and made numerous calls over a period of years until finally some one says, "oh, these cable coming into your house are ancient !) https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=656873;owner=656872;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=fa lse

#### sherry wetmore Orangevale, CA

I called because the internet was not working properly, which happens regularly, and the customer service rep. (a joke) started asking me about programs on my computer! I told her it was not my computer. She smugly replied, "If you don't do what I ask, I can't help you." B.S. I called in a complaint and I asked for a response. Naturally, I did not get one and magically my internet worked the next day. https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=650756;owner=650755;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false

#### **Unreliable Phone Service**

#### Joel Spa Oakland, CA

My 81 year old Mother's phone service has been up and down for over 2 weeks! She lives alone and has health problems. I have spent countless stressful hours trying to get her land line back up. It is against CA PUC regulations for a land line to be down; yet it has been up and down for over 2 weeks. I informed the Comcast General Council,but still no resolution. Plus, they sent her a bill for \$167 -they promised credits to reduce her bill for the problems, but did not issue the credits. She has no real alternative, and they have drastically raised her prices over the years. BREAK UP COMCAST, LET INNOVATIVE, CUSTOMER FOCUSED SMALL COMPANIES COMPETE FOR HER BUSINESS. https://stori.es/stories.jsp#story;id=759593;owner=759592;fromCard=false;addContent=false;editMode=false

#### **Disputes Over Comcast Equipment**

#### Kevin Colmer Citrus Heights, CA

I purchased my own cable modem from BestBuy. Found that Comcast has marked my equipment as theirs in their database and in status of "missing" (a euphemism for stolen). Only when I challenged Comcast to show me the receiving invoice from their vendor and that I would do that through discovery after filing a police report for stolen equipment (Comcast effectively prevented me using my equipment through their action) did they back down and admit that there was no receiving invoice, they could not explain how this happened or who did it. I suspect that this is an unwritten policy at Comcast to disable the resale of customer owned equipment and force customers into renting the Comcast equipment. I was dismayed to hear from the Comcast employees that Comcast does not have audit trails for updates to customer information in their systems. A discovery action could prove this incorrect but it was more trouble than I was willing to go through. Eventually I overpaid my bill and canceled so they would have to send me a check.

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# Price Hikes, Poor Customer Service, Billing Disputes

#### Roberta Spieckerman Richmond, CA

Agreements are unilaterally altered and prices keep rising - trying to get direct information is very difficult and I feel intentionally so. After hours waiting for customer service, discuss with representatives, come to agreement and then with the next bill, rates have changed.

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#### Price Hikes, Poor Technical Service

Patricia Mayfield Oakdale, CA

Comcast increased my bill \$5 every other month for no reason. My service was interrupted for weeks because they were running my internet, cable, & phone on an outdated filter from the box outside. They finally removed the filter after 3 poorly scheduled service calls.

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#### **Equipment & Billing Problems**

James Dean Martinez, CA

I have visited the local ComCast office numerous times to deal with equipment issues and billing issues. There is always a line of at least 30 minutes duration and there is rarely personnel working to make any difference. They recently upgraded thier facility, but have never added any more help. Andy other business would have floded due to very poor customer service. They just don't care. Tjhey are too big now. Please don't let them get even bigger..!!

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# Attachment B

Statements of Consumers Regarding The Proposed Comcast-Time Warner Cable Transaction Sharon Palmer Petaluma, CA Your way of doing things is a threat to the Freedom on which our great country was founded.

William Matheny Castro Valley, CA Your vote for me should be a no!

Stanley Porzuczek San Clemente, CA Your making a monopoly instead of promoting competition. I asking you to say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

# L. L.

Los Angeles, CA Your approval of the merger means each and everyone of you was bought out. Prove you're not corrupt and do the right thing.

#### **Richard Quinonez**

San Diego, CA

You need to keep the playing field open and let people have a choice in who they want as a provider. Either you take the time now to carefully prevent this takeover or continue to be hated as a corrupt, inept and pro-utility commission. SHAME ON YOU CPUC- IF YOU ALLOW THIS TAKEOVER TO HAPPEN YOU WILL BE HATED MORE THAN YOU ALREADY ARE. IF YOU DON'T START PROTECTING THE COMSUMER YOU WILL PAY DEARLY. PEEVEY, FLORIO ARE YOU LISTENING??? Lois Critchfield

# Los Altos,, CA

You must keep our internet as it is, with the freedom for all to express their opinions and views. If it is owned by one large conglomerate, we will only receive information that they feel is in their best interests or views that they want us to hear. How can you possibly even consider this merger?? This is a country based on freedom of expression for all. It is your responsibility to keep it that way I want my children and grandchildren to experience that as I have. As our legislators, your are intrusted to uphold the values set forth by our forefathers. Keep California the BEACON of Freedom for the whole Country. Vote NO, NO, NO to Comcast purchase of Time Warner.

# Enio Ximenes

Vallejo, CA

You kidding me? how is this not a monopoly? I have no feasible options and Comcast is a horrible service. And I say this as a Comcast customer, do not put more people in the same situation as me.

# nicholas lenchner Santa Rosa, CA You have real power right now to stop Comcast's takeover of Time Warner Cable, and with it, most of our state's cable and Internet market! The state's Public Utility Commission can block the merger in California if it thinks it's a bad deal for residents. And if Comcast can't control the lucrative California market, it could abandon this entire mega-merger! We are sick of high prices and lousy service with either Time Warner or Comcast, please make sure those deciding this bad deal know it!

#### Doug Olney

# Santa Rosa, CA

Wow - I can not believe that Comcast, a company with bad service, bad prices and bad internet practices wants to further constrain the market! We need more competition, not less. The California PUC has a public duty to put a stop to this aggressive expansion. To give you a feel, my 80 year old Mother's comcast went out. After several long phone calls, the convinced her to come down and get a new cable box. Wherein she had to wait 3 hours in line! And, guess what? They gave her the wrong box. And when the service technician came out, he discovered a squirrel had chewed the line on the telephone pole. It was Comcast's problem all along. Companies with such astoundingly poor respect for their customers need to be restrained for the good of the California consumer.

Thomas Britt

Los Angeles, CA

Without Time Warner Cable to compete with Comcast, there is no choice. Service is bad enough. No more to corporate greed over consumer choice.

# Alma Marie Alcala

# Manteca, CA

Without competition, Comcast has no reason to provide or insure affordable rates and reasonable servicing to consumers. We cannot gave another major takeover by a big corporation. We've seen the results with big banks, big oil, big insurance, big business, etc. Profiteeering trumps every other consideration for the consumer. Do not allow another big industry to dominate and dictate the public good. You have the responsibility and authority to to protect the public. Please disallow the merger. Thank you.

# Don Morgan

San Diego, CA

Without question, we understand the slow internet speeds in America through manipulations of only a few companies. (Internet speeds in other countries are far faster & less expensive. All that due to healthy competition. This merger is a disaster in the making & we know it. Steven Markus

Chatsworth, CA

With yet another merger we consumers can expect nothing more than higher prices and even worse customer service, if that can even be imagined. Don't we still have anti-monopoly laws on the books? Please reject this Comcast / Time Warner Cable merger!

# Bryan Hester

Norco, CA

With the way current mega-mergers are taking place in the country I wanted to express my fears about monopies controlling large portions of a market and for Cable companies especially as they can contour content to support their own agendas. I good example of this is FOX news. The content is so right leaning that any rational news is bent towards conservative ideals without any fact based information. Cable was initially suppose to Television without commercials with subscriptions covering the costs. At least it was sold that way. As far as capitalism is concerned Adam Smith warned tha a concentration of wealth in any one market would have a negative effect on a economy. So to, I believe, would this merger. Please do not allow Comcast to buy Time Warner. Thank you for your

Ronald Zastovnik Clovis, CA With the upcoming end of net neutrality, a merger of the two will be a disaster for consumers. What ever happened to anti-monopoly laws? Alida Montanez Salas Norwalk, CA

With the service they provide now? At least I have a choice of providers now. If this passes, I think I will give up cable TV entirely. Please don't let this merger pass. The only people that benefit are the stockholders. Millionaires becoming multimillionaires and the rest of us getting screwed.

# Gerald Grayson

San Jose, CA

With the constant rising cost of cable and the constant lost of quality and efficiency is not good for any consumer. The cable company should not be able to put these practices in a such wide spread area, anywhere. Please stop this merger. charles walker Oroville, CA with anything, I want more then one choice, Comcast's and time Werner's merger buy out what ever its called sure sounds like a no choices thing to me. in a nut shell,, GREED William White

Old Hickory, TN

With a monoply, there is no competition. Competition helps keep the prices in check and allow customers to have a choice. I say NO to the merger. If it passes, it could lead to other states to become a National monoply. Josephine Robinson Fontana, CA Why oh why do we as consumers have to deal with money hungry companies??? Please take action now and stop this merger and the right for competition to control the marketplace.

# Kellie Nicholson

Glendale, CA

Why do I have to waste my time fighting against these kinds of outrageous issues? I am tired of signing petitions and debating on issues that shouldn't even be on the table. Stop doling out crumbs to the citizens of the US and start doing your jobs. No more monopolies and concentration of power in a few hands. Antoinette Constable Oakland, CA Why and how can you impose Comcast on us? this may be legal, but it's unfair because Comcast would have no competition. And it's powerful enough as it is!

# Beverly Tangen

Los Angeles, CA

Why allow Comcast and Time Warner the option to grow bigger when the real need is for them to grow better. Real progress in the industry depends on capitalism where small business is allowed to exist, innovation allowed freedom and competition allowed to exist. There has to be limits in order to keep big corporations under control before their global power is so huge there power is untouchable.

# Mike Borsetti

San Francisco, CA

While EVERYTHING in technology, communications (voice, internet, mobile) and media (news, music, movie watching like Netflix) keeps getting cheaper, Comcast has a history of using its PUC-granted monopoly to increase the prices over and over. It should be broken up, not allows to DOMINATE California. We, the voters, don't want the merger to be approved. Christine Hoffman Berkeley, CA Where is my freedom? I don't want Comcast or any one corporation to dictate what my communication, technology or entertainment choices are! California is too good for this! It is unacceptable that it should be locked down under any form of corporate totalitarianism!

Robert Huss Salinas, CA Where I live, Comcast provides terrible service, charges too much, and raises rates every month. Making them bigger, more powerful, and with less competition will not improve their service.

#### **Richard MacDonald**

#### Chula Vista, CA

When will you Bureaucrats and Politicians that have been hired or voted to represent us and who are ALL educated, understand the simple concept that a monopoly on anything creates less choices and higher costs for consumers. Did you not take Economics and History to get your degrees? Start using some common sense and your education and start doing the job you were entrusted to do in representing us Consumers! Most of the people you represent don't all have the high salaries you have to pay for an increase in cable services a Comcast Monopoly will create. Maria Adams

#### San Diego, CA

When will our anti-trust laws be implemented to avoid this monopolistic activity? We already have legislation on the books addressing this issue! Who is responsible for NOT implementing them and who/what is/are the player/s seeking to ensure the laws are either ignored or dismantled?! I would vote for a nationalization of Comcast and other life-and-limb commodity producing corporations endeavoring to be the only game in town!

Sherry Post

San Pablo, CA

When there is no fair competition, the consumer is at the mercy of the corporation. We cannot have this! We need fairness in business, not slavery! Brent Seltzer

# Studio city, CA

When the cable television industry began it's epic growth in the late 1960's and early 1970's, it promised two critical things: 1. No wires hanging on poles, instead they would be underground. 2. Consumers would always have a choice of cable companies so as to spur on competition and keep prices low. Neither of these promises have been kept and allowing the gargantuan Comcast Cable Company to absorb the humongous Time Warner Cable Company will result in two critical things: 1. Higher prices for lesser service. 2. A customer service system that makes the Veterans Administration looking caring and efficient. Stop the madness and say no. Respectfully submitted, Brent Seltzer Diana Madoshi Rocklin, CA When one company dominates, seniors like me are held hostage. I am against this merger.

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San Pedro, CA

When is the last time (or first time?) a merger of any two gargantuan corporations left a majority of people better off in the long run? "Power tends to corrupt. Absolute power corrupts absolutely." -- Lord Acton

Rocky Leplin

Richmond, CA

When I was with Comcast cable, they changed my available stations without asking or telling me. I have been much happier without it. I oppose the proposed merger. K. Lee-Figueroa

San Leandro, CA

When I lived in New York City, Time Warner was the ONLY option for cable service in my area, since the cable giants had divvied up the city into little corporate fiefdoms, with no alternatives if you didn't like their prices or customer service. Now I live in California, and Comcast is the ONLY option for apartment dwellers who don't want to get charged by their landlords for any damage to their premises caused by dish installation. So here are both of these huge corporations who want to destroy net neutrality and merge to make this entity the ONLY option for cable services for many people. What ever happened to our anti-monopoly laws????

# Kaitlin Walker

Santa Clara, CA

When I live in places with only Comcast or AT&T as an internat option, I know I'll lose \$200-500 on fees, spend hours on the phone, and have frequent outages. That's what monopolies can do. When I live in places with an alternative, I don't lose any money on fees and spend very little time on the phone, and never have outages. Please do not approve this merger which would only strengthen Comcast's monopoly and hurt everyday people.

derek davis Acton, CA When does it become a monopoly, maybe we should do some redefining.

# Linda Locke

Walnut Creek, CA

When companies have to compete, they have to provide a quality product to keep our business. Mergers like the proposed Comcast/Time Warner merger stifle that competition and it is the consumers who lose out with bad service and high prices. Please advocate for the consumers in California and reject this merger.

# Linda Leraff Spalding Fresno, CA

When communication companies such as Comcast become the sole provider of a service they set the conditions knowing they have us locked in. I should not be forced to buy a service from only one provider. Once its a done deal will the PUC monitor for customers rights. This is a totally bad idea. You know what happens when anyone, or anything monopolizes a population. We won't put up with this. I demand the PUC protect the consumers interests.

Caryn Machado Scotts Valley, CA When businesses have to compete, consumers win. Please don't allow a monopoly to reduce customers choices to zero. Beverly t

Los Angeles, CA

When big business continues to expand, capitalism becomes corporatism, innovation and competition are stifled and society loses. Eventually corporations become global entities, with super-power that affects economies world-wide. There is a great need to establish boundaries and regulations for the good of the future generations. There is no justifiable reason for two powerful, profitable companies to unite, other then greed.

Robert Anderson

Oakland, CA

What's wrong with this story?!. Comcast is spending a lot of money and influence to buy this merger which the people they serve don't want, but which will be paid for by those same people. It does not pass the Smell Test.

Larry White

Fallbrook, CA

What we need in California is choice. The merger of Comcast with Time Warner Cable is the opposite and is a bad idea. The only way this deal should be approved is if other providers have the ability to offer service on Comcast's cables/lines, similar to cell phone companies having to share their microwave towers/broadband with smaller companies which creates competition. Craig Antrim San Pedro, CA What we have here is a monopoly pure and simple. If the Cal Public Utilities doesn't object then we have to. John Lawler Magalia, CA What happened to protection from monopolistic practises?

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Santa Monica, CA

What happened to Anti-trust laws? And the public policy that created them? So too, we have the slowest yet most expensive internet, when compared to scores of other nations.

Keith Fahey Tarzana, CA

What galls me: They already have a monopoly (everyone raises prices at the same time, and no one tries to regulate them), and they're already extremely stingy in their clogging of internet cable lines. I have never been able to afford the greed of cable TV, and with my Social Security budget I can barely afford internet connection -- with a 2 Gig capacity that is strangled by a mere three pages being opened, as I have now, as I type. Don't give these monstrous monopolies more power. Start taking it away! Let cities and states form their own cable networks to give them true competition!

ronald roston

West Covina, CA

What ever happened to to laws concerning monopolies and the domination of commerce? Your commission should consider the voices of the public and not just the rich and powerful. Charles Saucer Rancho Mirage, CA We've already got crappy service & ridiculous prices, further consolidation is only going to make this worse. I urge you to block the Comcast / Time Warner merger.

# Raffi Dorian

Fresno, CA

We, the People, need more choices not less! We don't need to give more power to another large corporation to control what information we have access to. They already have too much influence on our elected and appointed officials. Your job is to look out for the People's interests not what corporate dollars can do for you. Do the right thing, we are paying attention! Donna Edmundson Woodland Hills, CA

We will not pay TWC high prices and have opted out of cable until the rates become reasonable. Please do not allow the Comcast & TWC merger to prevent a monopoly and even less choices and high prices for us consumers.

Michael C. Ford and Richard B. Marks Watsonville, CA

We urge the California Public Utilities Commission to deny or block Comcast's attempt to take over Time Warner Cable. This merger or takeover is NOT in the best interest of Californians. Service, already bad, can only get worse with a near monopoly granted to one very much detested company. Please work for the people of California. Please determine that the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable is not in the best interest of California and its people.

Lynn Shardlow Laguna Beach, CA We the people ...No monopolies, please.

Constantine Bogios Walnut Creek, CA We supposedly live in a society based on a competitive market - we need more players not less. John Handal

Hayward, CA

We should Monopoly, it is not legal and it will just hold the American hostage to greedy organizations. The communication services is not a luxury it is a necessity in today's Society. Please avoid the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Karl Twombly

Palm Desert, CA

We should be breaking up these monopolistic media firms, not allowing them to get even larger. What happened to our anti-trust laws, why are they not enforced anymore? Please do not allow Comcast and TWC to merge, or any more such media combinations. Wesley Henderson Walnut Creek, CA

We oppose the Comcast Time-Warner cable merger because as the cable industry has consolidated the costs have gone up and the choices of services have been limited. Product offerings are manipulated to increase the need to buy multiple upgrades of services in broadband TV and cable. There is only one coax cable in my community and yet it is unregulated. The coax cable should be a common carrier of services from competing providers of TV and broadband. Monopolies must have their fees and services regulated to protect the consuming public. Comcast's history is to raise rates much faster than necessary and to provide inferior services per dollar when compared to AT&T and PG&E. Please stop this mega-merger and take steps to gain the greatest good for the greatest numbers of our

Nancy R Griffith Sacramento, CA We need you to regulate this merger. Where are our trustbusters? David Lawless Burlingame, CA We need to stop allowing these massive corporations to get even larger. This is not good for the consumer and the amount of influence they now have on OUR GOVERNMENT is insane.

# Noel Eberhardt

Cupertino, CA

We need to competition not monopolies. Despite being a concast customer we still need competition to keep all rates and services in their proper perspectives.

Competition drives better service and pricing. Comcast and Time Warner should not be merged.

elizabeth reschke Huntington Beach, CA We need the market to be more competitive, not less competitive. This merger will allow the Comcast to dictate any prices they want regardless of fairness. Stephen Munkelt Nevada City, CA We need smaller, nimble companies to serve our communication and technology needs, not larger monopolistic conglomerates.. Robert Hayton Santa Clara, CA We need MORE providers; not less! The Comcast/Time Warner merger is crazy bad -- not only for Californians, but for all Americans.

Colin Klingman San Francisco, CA We need more options, not less. Please block the merger of Comcast and Timer Warner. Jacob Cherub Beverly Hills, CA We need more not less competition. Please say no to this merger. Thank you,

Nancy Esajian Oakland, CA We need more independent vendors in the marketplace and the larger this and other nasty giants/mega corporations become the more impossible it is for smaller businesses to exist. This is what I call anti-American and Pro-Corporation. How desperately sad and unacceptable!

John Mynster Arcadia, CA We need more freedom of choice in this market, not less! Tom Falvey

San Diego, CA

We need more diversity in public media. This proposal would promote the growing monopolization of public communications by a handful of media moguls. It should be rejected as a threat to the competition of ideas as well as of companies. C Chumley

Montclair, CA

We need more completion, not less! My carrier's response to my complaint they were not delivering the speed I was paying for was not to fix the problem, but to tell me to choose a slower speed.

Rodney Gooding Aliso Viejo, CA We need more competition, not monopolies.

Sharon Barnes Encino, CA We need more competition, not less. No merger.

Alan Duran Sacramento, CA We need more competition, not less. Instead of reducing the number of providers, you should set regulations that allow other players into each market in California. Stop the merger!

Prof. Robert J And Martha M. Sacker Los Angeles, CA We need more competition, not less. R/R Coykendall Yuba City, CA We need more competition, not less! Amy Armistead

Los Angeles, CA

We need more competition, not less to provide better, well priced access to television, internet and phone service. I've recently switched from Time Warner Cable to Direct TV for television service because Time Warner doubled the price of my service without warning when whatever "deal" I had expired. I've kept them for internet and phone since Direct TV doesn't offer those services and there is no other provider in my area for them besides AT&T. I just went through a nightmare with AT&T at my office where they talked me into getting U-Verse by lying about what services were available on it. We had 3 phone lines and it wasn't until it was installed that I realized they had simply cut it down to 2 because U-Verse can only handle 2 lines, a very important point I was not told when they were **T**T **T**7 1 /1 C 11

#### Rohan bhatnagar

Milpitas, CA

We need more competition, not a monopoly. I cannot live in a world where major broadcast networks (CNBC, NBC, universal) and the broadcaster are the same, so no Comcast Merger please. Take example from what Tmobile has done and is doing very well, when the FCC decided that ATT and Softbank should not acquire Tmobile. Brock Pytlik

Morgan Hill, CA

We need more competition, especially in the area of broadband internet access, not less. I cannot fathom any way in which this merger improves competition. Giving Comcast even more market power in an already skewed market is a poor idea which will cost consumers both money and freedom. Please block this merger.

Michael Ciborski San Diego, CA We need more competition, better service, lower prices, more choices, not fewer choices and the same service. James Salamony

Fremont, CA

We need more competition not less! In France, where they have competition, they get two or three times the service and quality that we do for less money. How about bringing competition back to the American market, FCC! Jerry Jacobson Visalia, CA We need more competition in internet service not less! The Comcast merger is a bad idea and will make options less and more expensive. Please stop this merger. Cordially, Dr. Jerry Jacobson, M.D. Karen Moffitt

San Diego, CA

We need more competition in cable television, not less. Comcast is not known for being consumer friendly as it is. A merger with Time Warner will give Comcast even more power to do it "their way".

Joseph Morris Oakland, CA We need more competition and diversity of options in internet access, not less.

David Kusko Morro Bay, CA We need more choices, not consolidation.

Mike LeRoy Santa Rosa, CA We need more choices not less! Leon Van Steen San Francisco, CA We need more choice not less ... We need better service not higher corporate profits ... Competition not monopolistic markets Christine Offutt LOS ANGELES, CA We need MORE cable companies to choose from, not fewer.

Margaret Gibson Santa Cruz, CA We need more cable companies not less

Daniel Dechi San Francisco, CA We need more cable companies for competition. Comcast is a ripoff!

Mitzi Palmer San Francisco, CA we need healthy competition!

Mary Martin Santa Cruz, CA We need healthy competition and support for greater innovation, efficiency & responsive to the consumer that smaller companies can provide. People say there is waste on big government. The same is true for conglomerates. Keep America competitive! Avoid giant mergers please!

andrea hodges Carmel, CA We need equal opportunity. Stop comcast Jerry Long Solvang, CA We need competition... Ellen Phillips Martinez, CA We need competition, REAL competition, not another corporate jack boot on our necks.

Linda Erhardt Mariposa, CA We need competition, not more mergers/monopolies! Please do what you know is right and do not allow such a takeover to happen. It will lead to higher prices and poorer services---not in my best interest, and not in the best interest of the people of California.

John Seidel Monterey, CA We need competition, not monopoly.

Eugenia Larson San Ramon, CA WE NEED COMPETITION, NOT MONOPOLIES! We just found out that Comcast deleted access to the Sacramento PBS station that we have enjoyed over the years here in the Bay Area! As it stands now we have to go with whatever company serves the area; we DONT HAVE A CHOICE! It will only get worse if they are allowed to merge with Time Warner Cable! PLEASE DO NOT OKAY THIS MERGER!

Karen West

Santa Ana, CA

We need competition not one huge uncaring company controlling our cable services. Comcast takes over I will find something else. I will NOT do business with them. Leave Time Warner alone, they actually seem to care about their customers. Dale Magner Benicia, CA We need competition not monopolies, have you read any history? Greg Pennington San Francisco, CA We need choices. We know from past history that monopolies are a bad idea! Every child who plays monopoly learns what happens in that game. Please protect our choices!

Suzanne Fouche Woodside, CA We need choice to keep competition in the marketplace.

# RENATE DOLIN

Malibu, CA

We must not allow these large Communication companies tp dominate the market. It eliminates competition and forces the consumer into high priced programs with no options. We must stop these immoral profit oriented business practices!!!!

Harold Goldman Rohnert Park, CA We little guys need diversity of Cable companies to keep it the decision making in a ballpark where we can have a fair game. Down with the Bigs Patricia Simon Napa, CA We know monopolies are bad for consumers. Rates skyrocket, service is bad, and consumers are trapped. Please do not allow this merger to happen.

# Veronique Bucherre-Frazier Kensington, CA

We just want Comcast the way it, not too big, and great cable speed. Allowing this giant to eat too much will make him hungrier and hungrier. What happened to anti-monopoly laws? Thank you for your attention.

# Greg Lyon San Francisco, CA

We have watched our Comcast bill climb steadily over the years with no improvement in choice or service. Why should that kind of monopoly service be allowed to extend to still more captive customers? There is no reason except for the insatiable greed of the companies for allowing this merger. Please stand up for customers and just say 'no'. Thank you.

Ernie Gomez San Diego, CA We have so little choice as it is. Creating a giant company through this proposed merger would just make it worse. It's just a colossally bad idea. I do not expect to benefit in any way from this merger. Please oppose it. Thank you.

# Ann Crane

#### Los Altos, CA

We have had exceptionally BAD service from Comcast and really would hate to have them take over the internet and TV market in California. I also know that they treat their employees badly, train them badly, and are under staffed. It would hurt most California consumers if Comcast were able to control this market. Please don't allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner!

#### Ira Hurvitz

San Gabriel, CA

We have had enough of these incompetent, self-serving monopolies as it is. The very thought of merging these two behemoths into one monstrosity is beyond comprehension. Why would you even consider it? Stop thinking about the revolving door to your next overpaid job and start serving the people for a change. "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

# Sue Melrose

#### Modesto, CA

We have had Comcast for about 2 years now. The prices each year go up and up, and only when you go in and tell them you want to terminate their services do they magically come up with a reason to drop your prices down. Not only have we had that experience for ourselves, but the same thing happened with my elderly mother. She was promised one low price, then it went so high that she could no longer afford it, and only when she asked them to terminate her services did they offer a lower price. their service is not nearly as good as the service of other TV providers that we have used. Our service has many brief breaks in the TV transmission, the control over their DVR is not nearly as good as others we have had, and their willingness to help us resolve problems is slow and not particularly caring. It a 1.a. a. i 14

# Margarita Garrahan

Burbank, CA

We have had a good example of how "good" mergers are when Time Warner Cable came into existence. Prices did go up and service went down. Bigger is not always better - in fact, the bigger the organization the more difficult it is to monitor and things go awry quite quickly. Please, seriously consider and put a stop to Comcast becoming a behemoth that will dominate the market and almost eliminate competition.

#### Esmael Gonzales

San Marcos, CA

We have enough conglomerate giants whose only livelihood/existence IS to RIP CONSUMERS OFF! We need more competition, not less! Why is this threatened merger even being debated? Just NIX it and BAN any more ridiculous bottom-feeders from considering such anti-consumer actions!

#### YEECHUNG FU

Fremont, CA

We have been switching between Comcast and ATT for years. Both are expensive and provide inadequate service. We want more choices and less dominant service providers. stewart wilber

San Francisco, CA

We have an outdated, decrepit internet/cable infrastructure that is an international embarrassment. This is solely because competition-strangling monopolies on service have been allowed. These benefit NO ONE but the corporatists and their bottom lines. California rightly has a reputation for technological progressivism. Please keep it that way by encouraging competition, so the internet/cable infrastructure can be built out to what we need to stay at the forefront of progress. Allowing more monopolistic control will only prolong an absurd situation where the lack of capacity is making the corporatists actually propose paid fast lanes!

Richard Recht Menlo Park, CA We get miserable service from Comcast. It will be worse if it absorbs one of its few competitors.

Dennis Curley Brea, CA We feel the Comcast merger would be a big mistake. Tim Vlahos Los Angeles, CA We don't want our televised information cartel to become a monopoly. We need more choices not less. Jocelyn Spry Fresno, CA We don't want Comcast monopolizing the market. Isn't this country about having a piece of the pie, not the whole enchilada? Don't let them take over and give the consumer no choice.

Leslie Bennett Moorpark, CA We don't want a monopoly, we want choice and we don't want a company that is too big to fail. We have already experienced that once! We need competition to have a healthy society. Leslie Bennett

# Ronald Le

San Jose, CA

We don't need the Internet to be privatize in this state or any other state in the USA. Comcast has been a slow and demanding service that simply wants our money as their rates go up.

# Guy Johnson

Lakewood, CA

We don't need more giant conglomerates taking over communications and broadcast. I don't believe that the Comcast-Time Warner merger is in the public's best interest. Please do the responsible choice and don't approve this action. john ostarello hayward, CA We don't need less competition, we need more. Many of us are acutely aware of being locked in to poor service and high prices with no alternatives. Patricia Shaw El Cerrito, CA We don't need another monoply. Michael Block Anaheim, CA We don't need another MA BELL with Comcast. It's bad enough that they own NBC/Universal. The mergers have to stop!!!!

Michael Chase Coronado, CA We don't need another giant "too big to fail" monopoly. Please don't approve another merger in an industry that already laxks competition. Cynthia Bristow Placentia, CA We don't need another crappy cable company here! We were on vacation & I experienced the pitiful choices Comcast dishes out! I'm not paying good money to watch mindless TV!

Kristina Tenerowicz Kelseyville, CA We don't need a monopoly on the market--especially when the control for them means less control, more cost and less access for regular people. Elspeth Collins Santa Barbara, CA We don't need a mega-cable company taking advantage of the Californians, by buying up Time Warner Cable. There needs to be some competition. Please help protect us from this cable domination ... Raymond Zee Irvine, CA We don't need a Concast Monopoly. Georgia Brewer Sherman Oaks, CA

We don't have any consumer choice with cable companies, and we are depending on our government to regulate good service and fair prices. We don't have either (good service or fair prices), so at least do "the least" you can do, CPUC. Since you evidently don't see your mission to actually provide 360 degree consumer protection from these horrible cable companies, at least don't allow a monopoly!

DiAnn Rooney Lincoln, CA We do not want the Comcast Time Warner merger!! This is going to mean higher prices, and CA needs more control by the PUC so that we have better service for broadband and phones. Competition is what we need, not mergers! Michael Leon

Sacramento, CA

We do not want Comcast to TAKE OVER the California Market. In Sacramento Area, we actually have a CHOICE at this time for cable providers. If Comcast takes over Time Warner, then the very large NO CUSTOMER SERVICE company becomes even LARGER. They have an army of lobbyists and politicians in their pockets and this maneuver, this power play needs to be stop.

Joseph Antonio Rancho Cordova, CA We do not want Comcast to dominate our state!Stop the merger! Howard Miller Ventura, CA WE DO NOT WANT A GIANT MONOPOLY BY ANY CABLE COMPANY !!! PROHIBIT THE COMCAST / TIME WARNER MERGER !!! Lee Willson Lincoln, CA We do not need this merger, it will lead to higher costs for consumers. Competiition is good for everyone. K Brooks

San Jose, CA

We do not need business monopolies in our so called free market economy. When big companies get bigges the consumer looses. I urge you to reject this merger. K.Brooks.

Jack & Marilyn Ktes Cypress, CA We do not need a monopoly. What we need are choices of cable companies in our communities. Sincerely, Jack & Marilyn Kates 6505 Jaluit St. Cypress, CA 90630 Roy Smith Escondido, CA

We do not need a merger between these two companies. What we need is the Internet and cable companies to be made public utilities. In this day and age all citizens must have access to these information sources!

# LORI BLOUSTEIN

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

We do NOT need a BIGGER corporation monopolizing our services. We need a SMALLER, MORE RESPONSIVE company. Comcast has demonstrated over and over and OVER it is ONLY interested in the bottom line. Please BLOCK COMCAST'S domination of California services. Thanks for your time and attention. claude benedix

#### Danville, CA

We do not feel that the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner is in the Public Interest. Both organizations are already very large operators in their field. While there may be monetary savings in reduction of duplication of services this would undoubtedly lead to the loss of jobs for people. It is already difficult to access Comcast to rectify billing or technical equipment problems the proposed merger will not make it easier to resolve any issues. We feel that the merger of Comcast and Time Warner should not be approved by the PUC. Thanks for listening.

# EUGENE PEREZ

Gilroy, CA

We do not a monoply on our cable systems or our stalite systems. No to comcast time warner cable merge. Just too ecxpensive!

# Barrie Avis

Westminster, CA

We do need higher and higher prices for crap less service, poor signal strength, and stupid package deals that pretend to give us sixnotsixgreat deal ... We NEED customer service with a live person in 5 minutes or less, and good equipment from the telecommunications industry! This merger won't achieve these things.

Robert Hayden San Marcos, CA We desperately need more competition not less. We already pay a ridiculous amount for our present service. MIcah Trippe Los Angeles, CA We deserve high speed internet from a multitude of competitors.

George Leet Corte Madera, CA We deserve a choice. Do not let Comcast take that away. Mirko Markotic Chula Vista, CA We consumers do not want this merger to take affect. It's not good for competition wich benefits consumers. Thank You!!!!

# JeanAnn Hurst

# Clovis, CA

We can't afford this merger! Comcast while colluding with Golden1 credit union, Sacramento, agreed to carry out a fraudulent billing-online banking scheme by taking extra payments from my Golen1 checking account without my authorization causing me overdraft fees. Closing my Golden1 account, Golden1 and Comcast continued to charge this account with fraudulent debit transactions and overdraft fees. Comcast then reported to a collection agency that I owed it the amount it had stolen from me. (Not one enforcement agency nor the Attorney General would take any action to correct the the wrong against me

# Hank Rodgers Silverado, CA

We cannot permit increasing mergers that only limit consumer choice, and lead to monopoly. For any regulator to rule otherwise, is to abandon democracy for corporate hegemony, presumably either because the regulator is idealogically at odds with democracy, or that he/she expects to benefit personally at the expense of the public, or both. DON'T BE SUCH A REGULATOR!

# Mark Vanderpool

# Danville, CA

We cannot have one company control so much of an industry which can and control the rates and fees consumers pay. Please cast your vote to deny Comcast and Time Warner merger. Please remember to be the voice of your constituents and do whats best for them. Thank you.

# Nancy Pratt

# Concord, CA

We cannot have a democracy without fair, price competitive, open communication systems. Merging Comcast and Time Warner Cable systems gives us a oligopoly. Time and again, the consumers lose with decreased competition. Most people I know are very dissatisfied with Comcast. We were until we moved and did find a small competitor, Astound. Protect consumers by opposing this merger.

# George O'Hanlon

Willits, CA

We believe that merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable is not in the public interest, because this will create a climate of unfair price and service practices and foster a climate of complete dominance by the newly merged company. Please do not approve this merger. Catherine Regan

San Francisco, CA

We are on a dangerous trajectory with the increasing growth of megalithic corporations. There was a reason for anti-trust legislation in the past. Let us not recreate the old problems. Dana Lee San Diego, CA We are going backwards with this deal, not forwards and California goes forward! Cathlyn White Guerra Brentwood, CA We are fed up with high costs and poor service from Comcast.!! Keep competition alive and well by stopping this unthinkable merger between Comcast and Time Warner! PLEASE!!!!!

Charlene Salazar San Miguel, CA We are being over regulated and burdened.

Michael Kast

Panorama City, CA

We are already paying higher prices for slower internet service with less provider choices than most other countries in the developed world. We need MORE competition not less. Alan Zimmerman Cathedral City, CA

We are at a time when the public's choices are getting fewer and fewer. And we the public are becoming more and more frustrated. Frustrated with these huge corporations taking advantage of us and frustrated with our elected and official appointed officials. We put our trust in you to do the right thing and protect us. This merger is wrong on many many levels and for many many reasons. For me it's that I want a choice in who I do business with and I don't want to feel as though I'm being held hostage. And that is what will happen if you allow this merger. Once again, please do the right thing for your fellow California citizens! Do the right thing and say no! Do the right thing as our commissioners and stay true to the trust we gave in you! Thank you! Sincerely, Alan L. Zimmerman 68284 Santiago Rd. Eric Schweitzer

West Hills, CA

We are already getting raped by Comcast and Time Warner Cable as separate entities. If they are merged, they will price fix, monopolizing the California market. What happened to antitrust legislation? Has it been superceded by new laws? I have been a customer of both, and they both make false promises, and provide lousy service. The price for this lousy service keeps rising with each month by the time all their fake promotions "expire" -- promotions that are not explained to you when you sign up. Moreover, pages upon pages of "terms and conditions" are not realisitc for the average consumer to read. It is typical "bait and switch", something from which we consumers are supposed to be protected by our governement. Comcast and TW Cable are lying, greedy, unethical institutions, 11

# Allan Carstensen

Santa Rosa, CA

We are absolutely against this merger and feel the only ones to benefit will be Comcast and their affiliates. We are presently Comcast subscribers, only because of where we live. We are extremely upset with our ever increasing costs for the services they provide. If the merger were to be approved it would only get worse.

# Jeremy Lucha

Union City, CA

We are a Comcast customer household. Comcast is a difficult service to be engaged with. There are lack of choices and there will be even less so if a merger with Time Warner is allowed. Please do not approve of a merger that will lessen options and competition.

# Graciela Huth Los Angeles, CA

We are a free capitalistic system. The second any company tries to create a monopoly it is guilty of trying to destroy our capitalism. If Comcast insist on its plans they should operate in some other country under a dictatorship. Time Warner cannot be united with Comcast because then we are going back to the years prior to the laws enacted against monopolies. Capitalism involves competition not monopoly.

# Bill Hinckley Glendale, CA

We and I plead that you please stop this monopoly before it gets anymore obtrusive and omni-controlling of our current and future online and broadcast viewing options. They are too big and must be stopped now!!! We know that the CPUC has been subject to a well thought out plan to strategically infiltrate the PUC with off the book Comcast loyalist and ex-employs who've been planted into the PUC to control our options and laws that should be in place to protect our citizenry and our rights and options. You are public employees and you fiduciary duty is to protect California from such a hostile takeover. Should you fail there is a group of us who will file briefs in Federal court to open probes into fraud and conspiracy. Please be warned you must do the right thing and stop this monopoly from taking over our . • • 1.1 .

Brian Malone San Francisco, CA We already pay them far more than they deserve for poor service and worse customer service. Steve Chan Walnut Creek, CA We already have limited choices and it seems that their product and services are all priced about the same. We don't need fewer choices. Don't allow the merger.
### Ellen Blum

Tarzana, CA

We already have horrible service from Time Warner. Don't make it worse by merging with another terrible service provider! Thinking about going back to the old antenna.

### Keith Gordon

Los Angeles, CA

We already have far too few choices in phone, television transmission and broadband service. Limited competition means Americans pay more for less quality and speed than almost any other 1st world country (and some developing nations as well). Further consolidation is bad for consumers, and the nation.

### L Coneybeare

Redondo Beach, CA

We already have a terrible time with WAAY overpriced services that are misnomers for service. Please don't allow them to take away what little market competition there is left. Do not allow the megamergers to take away the tiny bit of choice that remains to us. When Virgin was bought out by AT&T my service went from great to lousy and the price doubled. How is benefiting the consumer?

Billy Campbell Los Angeles, CA We already have a highly inefficient, unresponsive, over priced cable provider in Los Angeles. Replacing them with and even worse company will not help the consumer.

## Helen Hansen

San Diego, CA

We all know that once the merger between Comcast and TWC goes through, rates will increase, customer service will decline, and as a result of the merger making Comcast the major cable provider in California, there will be no incentive to improve services. Please block this merger.

Laurie Knox

Westminster, CA

Watching television is something that has become a luxury for seniors on a limited income. Every time we turn around there is a new fee or an increase in prices. We need competition in order to keep prices down. Please say no to this merger.

Gail Pierce Citrus Heights, CA

Vote for what is best for consumers.....Stop the Comcast merger with Time Warner. I have Comcast only because I don't have a better alternative.

### Dave Engelson

Boulder Creek, CA

Unfortunately I have no other alternative but to subscribe to Comcast for 'internet, and television ' services, and they certainly take advantage of this with steady rate increases, and outrages cost for upgrade features. I strongly feel there needs to be some oversight; for example, the customer will pay a minimum of approximately \$80 for the 'Basic Package', which consist of a selection of 10 television channels, and internet speed of 3- 6 Mbps. To upgrade to the very next level Comcast charges between \$135 and \$145, that does not include premium channels like HBO, Show, NFL, etc. each added to a bundle at an additional cost. .I say enough!!

### Jon Laudenbach Kentfield, CA

US consumers pay far more for digital broadband and receive far slower service than almost all other industrialized nations. The reason for this are the de facto monopolies that cable companies in the USA are granted. They have no incentives to improve service or improve their networks, and as a result American consumers suffer. Broadband isn't a luxury anymore; it is necessary to life in the modern age. Allowing Comcast and Time Warner to merge further concentrates the already extremely concentrated power in the USA broadband market. The result is inevitable continued poor service and extraction of maximum dollars from American households. The proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner must be stopped. Thank you for looking out for the American conusmer 1.1

### **Duncan** Peterson

Sacramento, CA

Unfortunately I have become a Comcast customer. It is only because I was unable to find a different provider of medium speed internet (6 Mbs - This is NOT anywhere near high speed!) I am located in a new housing development in the capital city of California. Clearly there is no significant competition. All a comcast merger will do is reduce what little competition there is. Please do not allow the basis of capitalism (competition) to be eroded any further than it already is.

Andy Lane Stockton, CA Two Monopolies merging. Has anyone heard of the word Anti-Trust.

## Laura Sternberg

San Jose, CA

Two families of my friends have Comcast. The message option doesn't work so the messages I left for the families were never recieved! The neighbor next door even stopped using their land line because of lack of service. PLEASE! NO COMCAST/TIME WARNER MERGER! NO, NO, AND NO!!!

### Carl Parmley

Joshua Tree, CA

Two cable companies aren't enough. Why are we even considering one. The market is opening up with cell services and satellite offering internet and TV. Let's keep it going. If Comcast wants to dominate the market lets make them have to do it through customer service and value.

### Gordon Price San Mateo, CA

TWC and Comcast have the worst customer service year after year among cable and satellite companies. So if they merge, what do you think it will be then?, The Worst of the Worst! This merger only helps the 2 companies and their shareholders. The citizens of California who you are duly sworn to protect will not be helped at all.

brenna gutell Oak Park, CA TWC already sucks, the merger will just make it worse Dianne Sullivan Modesto, CA TV ACCESS MUST BE FREE FOR ALL. WE NEED INFORMED CITIZENS. ALSO BEWARE THAT COMCAST & OTHERS ARE NOT INTERFERRING WITH TV ANTENNA DIGITAL SIGNALS. I am noticing too many TV ANTENNA DIGITAL INTERRUPTIONS, GLITCHES, etc. Have had it checked out. Got NEW CONVERTER BOX. Something or some ENTITY MAY BE INTERFERRING WITH TV ANTENNA signals.

sam coolhead dublin, CA total corporate monopoly Dean Seward Fairfield, CA

Too much power to one company. Comcast will be an even bigger monopoly. My cable bill is almost \$200 and I have to pull back my available channels every 2 years. It just costs too much to watch TV. Enough is enough. Do not allow Comcast to buy Time Warner. It's bad for consumers. John Bourdon Rancho Santa Margarita, CA Too much of the market will be concentrated in too few players. This is not good for the consumers. Right now, cabel companies have monopolistic control over their customers.

Peggy Albrecht Westlake Village, CA Too much control by one huge corporation is not an option. It leaves us with no choices, options, power of our own.

Carolyn Gould Manhattan Beach, CA Too little competition already. Prices going out of sight and service is very poor. A large company would not have any incentive to give better cheaper service.

Linda Ferrari Joshua Tree, CA Too big, too stupid, too greedy.

Steve Weiss Porter Ranch, CA Too big to fail gets bigger. Bad picture, slow customer service. Comcast owns NBC; so, controlling the process from inception to broadcast to rerun/download IS MONOPOLY !!

Russell Livingston LINDEN, CA Too big to control? Like the banks?? Nan Ayers Richmond, CA

Too big does nothing for any body. GM learned the hard way. Were comcast offerings amongst the best and the cheapest they might have earned a dominant position. It is nearer the inverse: expensive and no where near what poorer countries get to use. Jody Kay Rossmoor, CA TOO BIG ANYTHING IS BAD for everything else. No utility fiefdoms please.

Damien Terronez Clovis, CA To Whom It May Concern: We need fair competition so please keep Comcast from buying out Time Warner. Michael Thacker

To whom it may concer: High speed Internet in Europe costs are a fraction of what we pay here. Why is that? Why should we tolerate the obliteration of competition? Some elites in this country believe that is what the free market system is all about. It is not! It is about fostering competition so prices remain at the correct price not monopolization. Please do yor job an protect consumers from this merger.

### John Meyer

Novato, CA

To the Public Utilities Commission: I am opposed to the proposed merger of Time-Warner and Comcast. I have been a residential customer of Comcast for years, however they do not serve my business in Novato even though they recently ran their service to a building two doors away. This, in my opinion, is not what a utility should be doing. My understanding is that a utility is to serve everyone in an area in return for the exclusivity they have been granted by the governing body. How is the merger going to help the user? To my knowledge, in virtually every case of a merger the user ended up paying more for the product, not less due to decreased competition. Please block Comcast's bid and instead, require them to provide service to all businesses in a built up area instead of picking and choosing. Thank 

velma sims Kenwood, CA to PUC - This merger will not benefit me

## Anne Dugaw

Costa Mesa, CA

To keep costs down and efficiency up we need less mergers, not more. It is not in the public interest to allow this merger. It is not in my interest to allow this merger. Say "No" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

### John Gize

San Jose, CA

Tired of corporations running our lives and raising fees at their will. This merger is not Kosher and must be stopped before the harm to the consumer is done. One time lets put the consumer before the Corp. Greed...

Robert Crum Fillmore, CA Time Warner/Comcast would merely be a disaster lusting for a time to happen. Another disaster we don't need. Thanks for your considerations and telling Comcast... thanks but no thanks. John Wurdeman Newbury Park, CA

Time Warner provides poor service already. Comcast has an even worse reputation. These companies should NOT be given near-monopoly control of California markets. If they are, they will have NO incentive to do other than provide WORSE service.

Lloyd Boutwell Fullerton, CA Time Warner is bad enough - the potential merger would be even worse. Brad Gilmer

La Quinta, CA

Time Warner Cable is my current provider. I can honestly say that TWC is the worst provider of services I have ever had. Comcast is the next worst that I ever had. I do not believe that putting together 2 lousy providers so they can control more of the market is a good idea for anyone.

## Doris McNary

## Northridge, CA

Time Warner Cable has already blocked all available channels unless I pay them \$4 per month for digital adapters, in addition to my regular monthly bill for basic cable. I am 86 and living on a very limited income, and I can not afford this. If Comcast and TW merge, they will raise the prices even more! I live in a large apartment complex and can not get service from "rabbit ears" or an outside antenna, etc. so I have no less expensive choices. They have lousy service and their prices are too high for most people on fixed incomes. Please do not let these two companies merge into a monster company that will give us even fewer choices!

## Sylvie Jurras

Los Angeles, CA

Time Waner and all other cable providers are de facto monopolies. If I want cable service I have NO choice as to who my provider will be. I and my friends and neighbors are continually abused in both small and bigger ways by a tyrannical provider that chafes plenty for its service. Yes, I could go to a satellite provider, but they are almost monopolies themselves. Please, please, please ENLARGE our choices instead of restricting them further. Do not allow this merger!

## Dale Warner

Downey, CA

Thomas Jefferson warned us about the power of private interprise over 200 years ago. California is a very special market for Comcast. We frequently lead the world in innovation. Comcast is not innovating. Please stop their Time Warner merger. It is only self serving, degrading in service and leading to another nationalinternational pseudo-monopoly. Thank you.

James Carney San Diego, CA This would cause a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Soher Youssef Campbell, CA This would be really bad for California consumers if Comcast is allowed to take control!! Michael Walker Campbell, CA This would be a tragedy for free enterprize. The cable componies are are trying to control are fredom of choice. Rebecca Cardenas Ben Lomond, CA This will enable Comcast to monopolize the cable market in CA. They already charge outrageous prices and have little customer service. This will kill the competition and allow Comcast to charge even more and have no customer service. Minerva Novoa San Francisco, CA This will be unfair to consumers and you know it. I hope you are fair in this process and listen to the consumers and not the big corporations. You are already tainted for the San Bruno incident which shows you are listening to the big corporations rather than the public. Be fair, be transparent and side for consumers for a change.

Ann Glenn Sebastopol, CA This truly is outrageous. I will stop paying for my Comcast service! Douglas Campbell Santa Rosa, CA This takeover is not even about TV; it is about the internet, and it must be stopped.

Terry Laster Glendale, CA This sounds like the end of the internet free market. Let's don't let this happen. Monopolies are never a good thing.

Judith Kahle Fairfield, CA This should be a no brainer. If Comcast is the only choice, then there is no choice Roger Levin San Francisco, CA This proposed monopoly will raise prices for a captive audience and likewise control offered content. PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS MERGER. Ram Duriseti

Menlo Park, CA

This proposed merger practically defines the nature of an effective monopoly. It will stifle innovation and severely restrict consumer choice to everyone's detriment.

### tim farmer Mount Shasta, CA

This proposed merger of two already huge companies is one seriously horrible idea. I don't know how anyone could successfully argue that this would somehow be in any Californian's best interest! I am asking you to reject this proposal. No competition for a company with an already horrible reputation? An entire state without cable TV options? Horrible without question. Please, again, reject this. Thank you for considering these comments.

Ron Ambroff Santa Maria, CA This proposed merger is ultimately bad for the consumer...if anything, these mega cable companies should be broken up.

Tracy Gleason La Jolla, CA This proposed merger is bad for California consumers. Please block it.

## Jane Rice

North Tustin, CA

This proposed merger is absolutely not in the public's best interests. The only ones who benefit are the cable companies involved. Companies should earn the right to expand their businesses, by providing good service to their customers. Instead, these two companies are known for their poor service and ever-escalating prices. Your ruling can make a huge difference. Please vote No! David Luckham Palo Alto, CA This proposed Comcast/Time Warner merger should NEVER be allowed. It will result in less competition between suppliers, a virtual monopoly of the supplyside resources, and greatly increased prices for consumers who will, in effect, be held hostage.

Victoria Holl Sunnyvale, CA This must stop! Mergers such as this are about greed and control and are unacceptable!

Sarah Eames Sonoma, CA This merger would undoubtedly raise costs to the consumer, Comcast's fees are already exorbitant. I would have to give up TV and would behard pressed to afford internet service. PLEASE say No to this merger. Richard Pennock Rohnert Park, CA This merger would put too much power to control rates in the hands of one monopolistic entity. These corporations do not need to be that large in order to prosper. Let them compete for customers.

Thomas Lucero Arleta, CA This merger would put most of the California CATV market in the hands of one giant company and would not serves the interests of California's consumers. We need more competition in California, not less. Katharine Ruthroff Eldridge, CA This merger would not benefit me. I cannot tolerate my choice being taken away by a monopoly. Prices are already too high and service dismal. The merger would greatly worsen this situation. Steve McNichols Pebble Beach, CA This merger would not be good for Californians. We need choices and competition to protect us financially and to continue the free flow of information. Steve McNichols

Ellen Haden Pacific Palisades, CA This merger would make a bad situation worse for the consumer.

### Kelly Corrigan

### Los Angeles, CA

This merger would do nothing but make Comcast a bigger bully than it already is. It will increase cable cost while leaving no incentive for better products or services. look at the big picture, when households start to pay more for these services they cannot afford to put money into the economy, pure and simple. The economy will drop once agiain, our cable and Internet is already outrageous and to have this kind of monopoly will just make it worse. Stop being short sighted...... Im still not sure I understand why it's only the public who sees this as a monopoly on cable and Internet. Are the public officials feigning that they don't get it or are they looking for Comcast to buy out favors. It seems real curious that the PUC and the FCC are even entertaining this merger, why does the public have to have this much • . .1

Geno Meath Lodi, CA This merger would be bad for competition and bad for consumers. Please don't approve it.

### Julian Gomez

### Palo Alto, CA

This merger will reduce competition. Comcast already provides poor quality products, after a merger they will have no incentive whatsoever to improve their products, and will have free reign to increase their prices. This proposal is absolutely against California citizens' best interests. Greagory Eaton Oxnard, CA This merger will reduce competition in our State, and with it, innovation. I urge you to reject the merger! Ruth B Elkins Sacramento, CA This merger will raise prices for everyone. Stop the mega mergers and allow fair competition. Gary Thomsen Newport Beach, CA This merger will only make the consumer costs go up and our hope for net neutrality and choice go down.

Susan Dalcamo Lafayette, CA This merger will not help California's consumers. It is another scheme to raise Comcast's profits and give us less choice, competition and higher prices. No, this won't do!

Laura Karowsky Sacramento, CA This merger will NOT benefit myself nor my fellow Californians!

Jim Singer Rocklin, CA This merger will NOT benefit me. STOP this merger! Perry Hall Berkeley, CA This merger will not benefit me or the people of California. Comcast should not be allowed to control the California market. Do not be fooled or bought! Say no to Comcast. Richard Sigel Oakland, CA This merger will make high prices and bad service even worse

Robert Olsen Sunnyvale, CA This merger will in the long term lead to higher prices. It should not be allowed.

Stephen Harrison Palo Alto, CA This merger will harm consumers through less choices, higher prices and the lousy customer service for which both Comcast and Time Warner are renowned. Please promote more choice in the cable marketplace! Sincerely, Stephen Harrison 894 Garland Drive Palo Alto, CA 94303

Nadelyn Dremalas Santa Cruz, CA This merger will definitely NOT benefit me!

Susan Hathaway Pico Rivera, CA This merger will allow Comcast to extend its illegal monopoly of the industry, and that will be unambiguously bad for consumers. Your job is NOT to preserve corporate profits at all costs, and that's the only reason Comcast has for the merger.

Norman Wood Elk Grove, CA This merger should nor be allowed Barbara Piszczek Oxnard, CA This merger robs Californians of a choice, which is unfair to the market and consumers. Options bring out the best in services and encourages companies to work efficiently. Please stop the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Keep our options open. James Harris Stanford, CA

This merger puts one single company in control of internet access and programing for about 90% of the population in California, thus controlling what we get as news and allowing selective access and priority in connecting with the Internet, all the while charging more and providing poorer service since there is no alternate provider.

Karen Strawn

Moorpark, CA

This merger MUST NOT take place! It's well known what these giant mergers produce ... higher costs and less choice for the consumer. Banks and the airlines are good examples. John Toor Portola Valley, CA This merger makes no sense; the biggest just get bigger. We need competition, not this.

### W.J. Zack

San Francisco, CA

This merger isn't a good idea as its implementation would counter efforts to keep the net neutral. In the interest of providing more access to information, please do all you can to prevent this merger. And doesn't this merger violate anti-trust law? In this situation, competition would certainly be preferable to consolidation. Miriam Sullivan Fair Oaks, CA This merger is so NOT in the interest of the public and competition. Please SAY NO TO THE COMCAST MERGER! Sincerely, Miriam Sullivan 8509 Annette Engel Way Fair Oaks, CA 95626 Francesca Fifis Sonoma, CA This merger is not in the public interest. Making two behemoths even bigger will limit public options and raise prices. Please prevent it from happening. Gary Adams

San Francisco, CA

This merger is not in the public interest and should not be approved or allowed. Currently pay television is trying to eliminate open air broadcasts to force the public into subscription broadcasts and it is an attempt to increase the corporate bottom line and thi merger is just the beginning of that attempt . No merger.

Sydnee Tyson

El Cerrito, CA

This merger is NOT in the interest of consumers. We have been disappointed with Comcast service for years, especially with constantly rising costs. If the PUC allows just one greedy company to totally dominate California cable and internet, poor service, higher costs, and no choice are what is coming for Californians. Don't let it happen.

Greg Longbotham Fullerton, CA This merger is Not in anybody's best interest EXCEPT for Comcast. I urge you to vote NO on this proposed merger.

Larry Faulks Rohnert Park, CA This merger is lunacy. These two companies already control much of the cable market. Allowing them to merge would quickly bring back the days when there was only one telephone company--Bell.

CARY KRUEGER Guerneville, CA THIS MERGER IS HORRIBLE FOR CONSUMERS. COMCAST HAS BEEN DEVIOUS IN ITS BUSINESS PRACTICES THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY. Edison Willers Carlsbad, CA This merger is bad news for all consumers. When competition is eliminated, prices go up and accountability goes down. Don't let the Comcast/Time Warner merger go through!

## Haydn Griffith Oakland, CA

This merger is anti-competitive and likely to raise prices and limit options for customers, which is the opposite of how markets should operate. They should work in the best interest of the public and the CPUC needs to ensure that it makes decisions that are in the best interest of the PUBLIC (the 'P' in CPUC) and not powerful corporations and other private interests.

## Steve Burley Felton, CA

This merger is a terrible idea because we have lost all of the competition in California over the years. I have been employed by some of the biggest cable companies over the years. In the past you had to.provide a quality product at a competitive rate under local regulations within the cities you served. Since deregulation they have run amok and the rates have become almost oppressive. One should not have to pay over \$200 a month for basic phone, cable and Internet services without any premium services. More importantly you should be able to choose the services you need and not be compelled to take services you don't need or use. Please say NO! We can do better and need to have some sort of protection against this monopolistic take over. Senior citizens such as myself cannot afford these

David Williams Santa Barbara, CA This merger is a bad move towards monopoly control of the Internet with bad service and higher prices Nicholas Berg Sunnyvale, CA This merger is a bad idea, we need a strong competitive market to ensure reasonable pricing and high quality support and services.

### Maria Valdez

Simi Valley, CA

This merger is an extremely bad idea. Neither Comcast or Time Warner are good service providers. A merger means absolutely no competition, i.e., a monopoly. Consumers will end up paying higher prices for substandard services. Please do not agree to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

## Jack Callisj

Santa Maria, CA

This merger is a BAD idea and need to be blocked. My years of experience with Comcast are memorable for all the wrong reasons . I have been lied to about "deals" , service issues and equipment costs. My TV reception is less than stellar and they "Don't see a problem". They also already have my area locked up. Ask another provider about service, they send you to Comcast. I would go to another cable provider in a minute if I had the opportunity. I apparently don't.

Russ Irwin Sausalito, CA This merger does not benefit consumers!

## John Palmer

Stockton, CA

This merger creates a monopoly interest, and is against the Public interest. The public knows this, and is not content to be "persuaded" by big money "donations". The problem will sting every time they get a bill, and the PUC that gives in to this pressure from the lobbyists will rue the day they did not care for the welfare of citizens and consumers ahead of corporations.

Evelyn Cowper Long Beach, CA This merge will erode healthy competition, thus more job loss, higher prices and poorer service.

## Marcia Dale-LeWinter

San Francisco, CA

This media consolidation would essentially allow monopoly conditions to prevail. We already have a situation where mainstream media is so compromised and vapid that educated people get their news elsewhere. Further agglomeration would only make matters worse.

## marcus smith

## slo, CA

This level of media consolidation has always been a terrible blow to the consumer. Letting the Comcast Time Warner merger go through would allow Comcast a level of power unseen in the California media market. Comcast has always shown that they can offer a less product, at a lower quality and at greater expense to the consumer. Don't let that happen here. We pay you to stop just this sort of thing.

### Dan Lobash

Santa Barbara, CA

This kind of merger serves only the large stock holders and not the true owners of the airwaves, the public. This kind of merger means monopoly practices no matter what sugar the proponents put on the outside. Do no allow this merger that hisorty shows leads to higher consumer prices. Madeleine KernFisher

Los Angeles, CA

This is unconscionable and unacceptable. Our choices as Americans are being deducted at a fearsome rate for greed and power. The consumer has become a pawn and will suffer more greatly than we do now. This merger is WRONG for the people. AND WE WILL FIGHT IT TO THE END AND AFTER.

Barbara Broz Sherman Oaks, CA This is too close to a monoply and does not encourage fair pricing. NO!

James Mapes Napa, CA THIS IS SO WRONG.

## Mitchell Freeman

San Jose, CA

This is one merger that must be stopped because it has absolutely ZERO benefit to the end-user customer. I have been a Comcast customer on and off for years, and know that they care very little (if at all) about their customers and the quality of the service they provide. Choices are already limited enough for people across this country. To make those choices fewer is just plain simple a bad idea for customers everywhere. To merge two separate companies, both of which don't care about the consumer, into one larger company cannot possibly make sense to any rational human being.

Hugh Smith Ventura, CA This is NOT in the pubics best interest. the can not be a competive market place with monopolies. Burnie Dunlap Anaheim, CA This is not in the best interest of consumers. Too much power in the hands of one company. Bill Blackburn Camp Meeker, CA This is not a free market solution. What kind of country are we creating?

Guy Russo carlsbad, CA This is incredibly bad for consumers!! Joel Newtson

Fremont, CA

This is in regard to the proposed merger of Comcast and Time-Warner Cable. My thinking is that the merger ought not to be allowed to proceed. It's been my experience that both of these companies consistently provide minimum-quality service at steadily increasing prices. To allow them to merge and consolidate their power and greed would be a major disservice, from a consumer's point of view. I sincerely hope you will move to protect Californians from a magnification of Comcast's and Time-Warner's proven unwillingness to provide good service at a fair price. Thank you.

Ed Page Oakland, CA This is good for Comcast, but not good for consumers. Bob Mutascio Venice, CA

This is an unbelievably bad idea for consumers. Already, with the local monopolies that each of these companies have, they provide shoddy service with many, masny problems in both Internet and broadcast problems. These monpolies should be ended so that these companies can compete in the marketplace. Then let the users decide who they want to get cable service from.

Karen Donaldson Grass Valley, CA This is an extraordinarily bad idea for consumers. Please do not allow this to go through.

Andrew Oswald San Diego, CA This is all about internet neutrality and freedom. Imagine if every time you wanted to make a phone call you had to wait until the "big corporations" had an open line. Please stop this dangerous merger.

# Barbara Regan Burbank, CA

This is a 'no brainer'. I'm astounded this conversation is even necessary. What part of "too big to fail" don't you get? Or, maybe you are being paid handsomely to approve this inappropriate takeover.

### Judi Naue

### San Rafael, CA

This is a monopoly and it was my understanding that this is illegal. This seems to me that we are going back in time to the days of Rockefeller and JP Morgan. I remember when ATT was broken up. The public needs more choices not less. This is a very bad deal for the majority of people.

### Dana Monroe

### San Diego, CA

This is a clear violation of citizens' rights, and in California that means something! Please don't give Comcast control over our access to a free internet by approving their merger with Time Warner Cable. A merger would put internet users in California and throughout the U.S. at the mercy of higher prices and slower internet speeds, effectively creating two classes of internet users--those who can afford to pay more for faster service and those who can't. This would completely stifle free flow of information as well as being grossly undemocratic!

### Jo Lane

### South Pasadena, CA

This is a case where i just want to say NO! Please we citizens can not afford to have this merger take place. Both are poor providers to the public and merger will make it all the worse and probably not just doubly as they will have even more power and charge even more for poor service. Please, JUST SAY NO TO COMCAST TIME WARNER CABLE MERGER! Thank you!

Theodore Petersen Placerville, CA This is a bad merger, Comcast don't need to get any bigger, we need competition between companys, not stifle it. Please vote NO on this merger. Kimberly Zamlich Newhall, CA This is a BAD idea. Too much control for one company; then they have the option of raising rates and doing what they like. Besides, aren't monopolies illegal?~KMZ

### Jon R Woodman Lathrop, CA

This is a bad idea to allow this merger. Comcast customer service nationwide is horrendous. While my experience with their high speed internet has been relatively positive, their television offerings and customer service have been in my personal experience, pitiful. I finally got fed up with them and switched to DirecTV which despite being a little pricey, has been fabulous. Giving Comcast more customers when they can't adequately service the ones they have is a really, really bad idea. Please veto this merger.

David Handy Pleasant Hill, CA

This is a bad idea in a market that already has way too little competition. Comcast is getting way too big at the expense of the consumer. Please call off the merger.

Matthew Kretzer Piedmont, CA This is a no brainer. Comcast is already way to big, and the service too bad. Don't let them strengthen their monopoly. Thanks.

Jack Milton Davis, CA Things are bad enough as they are. Please don't allow them to get worse by approving this merger. George Kaysen Davis, CA They provide horrible service. All are poor but they approach the worst. We need a competitive market place to provide lower costs and better service

miguel calderon Los Angeles, CA They promise us better with airline merger; look where we are... another merger? when are we going to learn...

Ron Russell San Francisco, CA They left me with a "take it or leave it" attitude. Experience after experience, made me 1st resent them and then cease doing business with them and switch to a more expensive Satellite provider..

Lewis Glenn Greenbrae, CA They get you started with very low rates and then they up the price. I'm very skeptical about Comcast's good intendtions. Please don't let the merger happen.

Wendell Leppke Sacramento, CA These people are thieves. They took money for a payment then refused to credit it. They made me pay twice. They do not need to do business T all let alone expand it

Jeffrey Espinoza Cherry Valley, CA These mergers do not protect the consumer. Do not approve this merger!!! Arnold Iniguez Glendora, CA These Mega Monster mergers are bad for the consumer. Please stop this merger and stop unfair monopolies. Michael Misquez Pico Rivera, CA These kind of benefits only benefit the few greedy wealthy NOT THE MAJORITY. So I say no way

Patrick Hurley San Diego, CA These huge corporations.... It's got to stop now. James Richards Pebble Beach, CA These companies need more competition - certainly not less!

Susan Maletsky Sonora, CA These companies are already too big a merger would be a disaster for consumers! Dale Meyer Cathedral City, CA These are public airwaves at issue. This merger does not speak to the good of the public. The merger must be rejected. Dale C. Meyer 37687 Bankside Drive Cathedral City, CA 92234 Clifford Stewart Marina, CA There's really no competition in monterey county unless you count two satellite dish companies. SPENCER ADAMS LOS ANGELES, CA There's not enough competition for prices to ever go down. Please stop this merger.

Laura Woodry Azusa, CA There will be no consumer choice. Robert O'Dell Huntington Beach, CA There is way too little competition in the cable market. A monolith that would be created by the merger of AT&T and Comcast would not put customer service at the forefront of its policies and pricing would almost assuredly skyrocket

Frederick Ochs Los Angeles, CA There is precious little that even the most die hard capitalist would call competition for TV service now. Please don't make it even worse. Do not allow the Comcast - Time Warner merger. Jay Rubin North Hollywood, CA

There is only one legit provider of high-speed Internet for me in Los Angeles. If the CMCSA/TWC merger is allowed to proceed, I'll still have only one provider one provider with a lot more muscle and power to dictate rates and terms in LA and across the country. Do not allow this merger to proceed. Helen Pearlman

San Jose, CA

There is nothing to be gained, and very much to lose for California's citizens if Comcast is permitted to merge with Time Warner and thus dominate all the most densely populated areas in the state. Comcast is notorious for raising rates and providing poor service. Please reject this merger!

### Ashton Brown Kenwood, CA

There is not room here for a point-by-point counter to this egregious proposal; the 'devil' lies in too many exact details of this monolith's typical activities and its nonresponse to requests for amelioration. In small communities (like mine in Sonoma County) Comcast is a monopoly. (How our prices compare with Europeans' is a topic for another occasion.) Their accommodation for low-income persons begins with a crippled download speed only 10 or 20x as fast as telephone dialup. The result is a min-rate of no less than \$50/month at these low speeds. Merely to obtain PBS costs that much. With the death (underfunding) of over-air broadcasts everywhere: we are captives of their arbitrary estimates of what the traffic will bear.. Allowing this mega-Corp to control even basic access

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## Callan Baird Sacramento, CA There is not enough competition in the cable and internet provider business. Comcast has always been a terrible company to work with - high prices, terrible

customer service, technical issues, predatory pricing plans. Don't let them prevail.

## Michael Earls

Lancaster, CA

There is no way that the merger of Time Warner Cable (my cable provider) and Comcast can benefit any consumer. Time Warner Cable is the monopoly provider in my area, and expanding their monopoly by adding Comcast is anti-competitive and contrary to the public interest that you exist to protect..

### Cecelia Angell

Sacramento, CA

There is no way that the acquisition of Time Warner by Comcast should take place. The field of availability in the cable business will shrink even further causing costs to escalate as there will be little competition. Think of the people that you are supposed to represent not big business

## Carole Larsen

Foster City, CA

There is no reason why the consumer should suffer by the high cost of tv wireless services. The person on a fixed income and the disabled truly suffer. There is no compassion nor Permanent yes Per manent assistance.No No No to Comcast- let the open marketopen the flood gates for competition rule.(in Foster City) we cannot solicite Astound as a provider eventhough their headquarters arr within a few miles. So much for competion! Jim Vaughan Pittsburg, CA There is NO JUSTIFIABLE reason that Comcast and Time Warner should be allowed to take over the television media segment of our PUBLIC communications with this self serving merger that will harm Californians. Deny this merger!

Signe Zoller Paso Robles, CA There is no incentive for huge internet providers to give us the speed and economy enjoyed in countries like South Korea and those in the EC. Please say no to the Comcast merger!

Robert Sammartino Irvine, CA There is no competition unless there are multiple companies serving customers. Please do your share to ensure fair competition will exist in California! Thank you on behalf of all California consumers.

Suzanne Peña Fullerton, CA There is no benefit to the customers in merging. The only one who wins is the greedy cable company.

## Frank Ackerman

Walnut Creek, CA

There is little enough cable choice in California. That is all we need is for even more cable price fixing. These companies need to be broken up so that there is more competition not less. Whatever happened to trust busting? How can there be any real competition unless there are at least 5 to 10 major players. **Gregory Buntin** 

Canyon Country, CA

There is at the present time, no competition in most areas of California. In my area there are only two choices and it seems those two choices get together and fix prices. The only difference seems to be the equipment. This merger appears to be a monster maker that will remove what little choices the consumer has for service. Miles Coatsee

Palo Alto, CA

There is already not enough competition in the cable telecommunications industry. A merger between the top two service providers would make a bad situation exponentially worse. Such a move would obviously be bad for California consumers. I strongly oppose the proposed merger between Comcast and Time warner. Phil Wells

San Diego, CA

There is already insufficient competition and choice with incumbent cable companies. Giving us fewer choices cannot help. Comcast will have even less reason to operate reliably.

Leonard Reindel Joshua Tree, CA There has been no indication that allowing Comcast to take over Time Warner Cable will make things better for California Cable costumers. So, Why allow the merger??

Patricia Churchill Pasadena, CA There are so few few choices for consumers . Why make things worse by allowing this take-over?

Dino Boito Fulton, CA THERE ARE NO SENIOR RATES. LAST INCREASE WAS \$95.00. THERE IS NO WERE ELSE TO GO FOR CABLE. THEY ARE A RIPE OFF MONSTER WITH TOTAL GREED AS THEIR GOAL.

Anne Mohr Costa Mesa, CA There are laws that protect us from monopolies. This should not even be an issue, but America ignores good laws. NO ON THIS MERGER. Patrick Keenan Roseville, CA Their service to the customer is nonexistent and if they get larger .they will eliminate completion and therefore all customer service will be eliminated and cost will do nothing but rise to astronomical amount

Joe Benson Stockton, CA The worst service ever plus overcharging will never deal with them again. So please do not let Com Cast take over anything in our state

marty dart Los Gatos, CA The whole idea of the free market is the choices consumers can make. Henry Morgen Los Angeles, CA

The vast majority of area in California is already covered by either Comcast or Time Warner. They operate in a "semi-monopoly" mode already as most people can't pick one or the other -- they need to use the one that serves their area. By allowing the merger to go through, most of the state would have a single cable provider. Historically this has not been in the best interest of the consumer. Please don't allow this to go through.

Eric Carlson Ventura, CA The values and welfare of people should be given precedence over profits, monopolies, and mega corporate mergers. Nancy Tieszen San Jose, CA

The US is traditionally against monopolies - not good for free enterprise. A Comcast Time Warner merger will give the behemoth control over content, potential censorship power and it will have no incentive to keep quality service. Also fees will skyrocket. Please do not let this ought-to-be-illegal merger go through. Joshua Espinoza San francisco, CA The unjustified rise of basic Internet is a drain to my small business, if this merger is approved the sky is the limit for comcast and I will be a the mercy of continual rate hikes.

## Don Bliss Ukiah, CA

The two worst ISPs in the industry want to join, and then choke the country. You want to give them further monopolies? Shame on you!!

## Jeffrey Schenck

## San Jose, CA

The state of Internet and cable TV in the US (my home town included) is lousy by international standards, and allowing Comcast to increase its monopoly position will only make things worse. I haven't talked to anyone who has a kind word for Comcast. They already are in a position where they feel they can ignore their customers' complaints. Please don't allow them to gain an even greater hold on the telecom market.

## Colin Pejman

## Danville, CA

The separation of TV and broadband services has been very beneficial to me and my family. The competition between the providers is very healthy and provides better pricing and service. We have experienced Comcast's mediocre customer service and high prices and fear that it will be even worse with this merger. We already have enough monopoly in our public services.

## Barbara Roth

San Jose, CA

The regulators are not doing the California state citizens any favors by giving Comcast new powers to dominant cable and internet market. A crucial power play that must be stopped, Comcasts attempt to conglomerate would be "dominant" and detrimental to the competitive market that already dominates our lives. Tom and Susan Oertel San Diego, CA The PUC needs to protect the public from this possible monopoly of the cable market. Deny the merger between Comcast and Time Warner.

### Michael Capkanis

Altadena, CA

The public interest. That's your mandate. You are NOT to serve industry. You are NOT an arbiter between corporate and public interests. Your mission is to serve the PUBLIC - only. You are supposed to be on "our" side. Have you tried booking a flight recently? Ticket prices are SKY HIGH and "customer service" is worse than ever. WHY? It is because fewer airlines exist and competition has effectively vanished. The internet, and our ability to connect, has rapidly become the lifeblood of: news, mail, TV, radio, commerce, socializing, entertainment, etc. Many of these things used to come by discreet channels of service. Now they are ALL inextricably tied together. Can you honestly claim that consolidating the access to these vital services is in the public's best interest??

Art St. Clair Santa Monica, CA

The public has zero confidence that your representing the public's interests. Another media merger would be anti-democratic.

Dr. Delton Johnson Santa Paula, CA The public has nothing to gain and much to lose by this proposal. Please act in the public interest and block it in California. Thank you for considering my request. Kenneth Watts Northridge, CA The proposed merger will decimate real competition in the California market. Please do not allow this to happen.

## Debby Nosowsky

San Francisco, CA

The proposed merger of Comcast with competitor Time Warner reduces consumer choice, eliminates competition and will lead to ever higher prices, prices which in cities like San Francisco, are already exorbitant. The proposed merger should be rejected for another reason: vertical integration of a cable company with Time Warner, a content company, will inevitably lead to more limited programming choices, with favoritism for Comcast's new acquisition. This merger is not in the public interest. The PUC's main responsibility is to protect that interest. The merger should be rejected.

Larry Dorsey

Los Angeles, CA

The proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner will only serve to spread the cancer of bad service of which Comcast is the reigning king. Multiplying the problem and imposing it upon California is absolutely unacceptable! Stop the merger NOW!

### Bob Somke

### Sonoma, CA

The proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable will not be good for California consumers. Time and time again Comcast has show its lack of concern for its customers. Customers calling customer service endure long wait times and incompetent call center employees. Field service is exasperating with service provider often not able to solve the problem or not bringing the necessary equipment with them. Comcast's customers would be much better off if Comcast spent the money they would spend on the merger on better training for their staff, hiring more staff for their call centers, improving their offerings and lowering the cost to consumers. Please do not allow this merger to go ahead.

### William Combs

### Castro Valley, CA

The proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable is a threat to free speech,freedom of the press,and a monopoly. It would enable one megacompany to control the flow of information and to charge consumers,either directly or indirectly, for what is viewed both on t.v., and on the internet. Both companies currently are rated very low in customer service issues,and pricing. The merger would only worsen that. It would only accrue higher profits for a company that has not shown any proclivity to improve it's service,or expand it's service area. Please say "No" to this proposed merger and to those who profit the most from it. Thank you for hearing my concerns. Susan Brantley

Palm Springs, CA

The proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable is not in the best interests of consumers and the Public.

Richard Mezzavilla

Walnut Creek, CA

The proposed acquisition of Time Warner Cable by Comcast is without question in favor of Comcast. By the same token it most definitely is NOT in my interest nor that of any cable subscriber in out state. I urge you most earnestly to block this merger.

### Michael Duller

San Francisco, CA

the products and services offered for Internet, telephone, and TV are already pricey for the quality of service provided. Creating an even bigger player in the market will certainly worsen the situation. Therefore, I urge you to consider consumers' interest and block the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Linda Stephens Mira Loma, CA The prices for cable far outweigh the service received. Comcast is not consumer friendly & the last thing consumers need is another greedy company. Matthew Madison Berkeley, CA

The ONLY time in my entire long life I have "missed" a payment was with and because of Comcast. My credit card was registered with them and they dutifully charged it for services for months and months. Then one month they did not. I caught the lack of a charge just after the "due date". Shortly thereafter they did make the charge and added a "late charge". I called but could get NO satisfaction - it was my fault, I was told, for failing to monitor the expected transaction. I was chagrined (to say the least). Two months later I went to another ISP and have vowed NEVER to have anything to do with Comcast. Don't let this company expand in any way in California.

### DONALD BARRETT

Salinas, CA

The only thing this merger would create is less choice and higher prices down the road. Don't let this merger happen!

Francine Gordon Cupertino, CA The only beneficiary of the proposed Comcast Time Warner Cable merger are the companies and their shareholders. It is NOT about improving service and/or lowering cost. Please- do the right thing- stand for us, the consumers- and block it. Thank you.

AG Gilmore Walnut, CA The only beneficiaries from a Comcast/Time Warner merger is their corporate bank accounts. Stop this merger!

Lisa Blutman

Dixon, CA

The mergers of smaller companies to one huge company are defeating the purpose of the independent business. This has got to stop. All Comcast does is raise fees as opposed to giving better service Sara Hayden Half Moon Bay, CA

The mergers of large communications companies has left California consumers with little choice. Often, Californians are left with only one option in their neighborhood and have no voice or recourse when problems arise. Prices are jacked up at whim. These mega communications companies seem more and more like monopolies every day. California needs to stand behind her citizens and protect them from markethoarding cable companies. Larry Lima Campbell, CA

The merger would give Comcast unparalleled dominance over cable TV infrastructure and content. They would have outsized leverage when dealing with other content providers. It would give them undue influence over the potential success of cable channels whose programming might compete with Comcast's. This merger could restrict the diversity of voices Americans see and hear and picks the pockets of middle-income Americans. It's your responsibility to stand up for the consumers and fight this terrible deal. Jeffrey VanderWilt Santa Ana, CA

The merger would be fine if cable companies actually competed against each other for market share within their local markets. Too often, local markets are licensed monopolies with little or no regulation available to municipalities and counties. Cable and broadband access ought to be regulated no less vigorously than our electric, water, and natural gas utilities.

Stanley Salomon Windsor, CA The merger with Time Warner cable will mean more cable price increases to the residential consumer. Do whatever you can here in California to stop this merger.

Brian Fujikawa San Francisco, CA The merger will stifle competition and leave Californians with expense and lousy cable service.

Edward Mei San Francisco, CA The merger will reduce competition and increase already higher than necessary prices. Furthermore, the quality of service will further decline than it already has. There can be no good to come from this merger. MARC TOSCA San Francisco, CA THE MERGER WILL ONLY MAKE COMCAST'S SERVICES EVEN WORSE THAN IT ALREADY IS. COMCAST'S 16TH/POTRERO STREET OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA BEING THE EPITOME. San Martin El Dorado Hills, CA

The merger will hurt consumers. Comcast is known for poor internet service, awful customer service, extremely high rates and now will be an even bigger bully in the marketplace. Greedy, greedy and Greedy---No, No and No! Stephen Zubach Oakland, CA The merger will enable Comcast to continue its incessant rate increases unabated. This industry needs regulating, and I am calling on you to do it.

Clayton Barbeau. M.A., MFT San Jose, CA The merger of Comcast with Time Warner Cable would create a monopoly which would only further the high prices and poor service already existent. George Chang

Porter Ranch, CA

The merger of Comcast and Time Warner would essentially give them monopolistic control of the cable TV market in California The dominant control that would ensue from the merger would eliminate any pressure to keep cable TV pricing down while also eliminating any pressure to provide adequate customer service. Comcast and Time Warner individually have the reputation for providing mediocre service at best and allowing them to merge thus ending any completion promises to worsen the situation. Please consider the negative implications for the general consumer and prevent the merger.

Ellen Michaelson Sherman Oaks, CA The merger of Comcast and Time Warner will be of little benefit to the consumer. Cable companies will have more of a monopoly than they have now. With little or no choice, consumers lose every time.

David Avery San Francisco, CA The merger of Comcast and Time Warner is not in the public interest, and creates a virtual monopoly. Christopher Quinn La Mesa, CA The merger of Comcast and Time Warner is not in the best interest of the consumers of the State of California and I encourage you to vote for the consumer and not corporate interests. Thank you for your work.

ken tilly Vacaville, CA The merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable would definitely NOT be in my best interest. Please do not allow it.

James Brink

Stockton, CA

The merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable merger is not right for the California public. Comcast will have a monopoly in most areas of California and with a proven record of high price increases and poor service this merger should not become a reality here in California. James Sharon Madhvani Menlo Park, CA The merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable is not in the best interest of the public. It will put Comcast in a too powerful position and cost the consumer more money for not-s0-great service. Please consider denying this merger.

Paul Tomaselli Salinas, CA The merger is not in our best interest. The company is already so big that "they don't care, they don't have to". They are Comcast. Michael Cohen Long Beach, CA The merger is bad for consumers. We need more competition, not less. Comcast is widely regarded as providing the worst customer service. Please block the Comcast, Time Warner merger. Lorne Cheeseman Irvine, CA The merger between Comcast and Time Warner is bad for consumers and I urge you to use your mandate to block the merger in California. Evan McDermit Fullerton, CA The market for cable and internet providers is already not competitive. Comcast taking over Time Warner Cable just makes a bad situation much worse.

Kim Messmer

Santa Clara, CA

The law against monopolies has gone away it seems. But the sense behind it remains. We need many companies to compete for our business--not fewer. We don't need more companies "too big to fail"! Don't allow this merger. The Common Man doesn't need it or want it. Vote for common sense and deny this merger. Robert Ridder Santa Cruz, CA

The last thing we need is more consolidation in the cable TV market. This market functions poorly with high prices, few choices and bad customer support. Please rule for your electorate against these corporations and reject the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Michael Taylor Oak Park, CA The last thing I need is to pay even more for cable. Just say NO. Barbara Spark

Berkeley, CA

The lack of competition in the cable industry already is scandalous. The proposed Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger will only make things worse. Please stop this merger which will only make things worse for people already hampered by wage inequality. Thank you.
# Ann Rennacker

Fort Bragg, CA

The Internet must be an open playing field for all folks, children to seniors, without being a 'tiered system' that charges more to some. Making a merger of Comcast and Time-Warner creates a monopoly that will be bad for the consumer. Francesca prada

San Francisco, CA

The internet is a utility, not some class warfare mechanism. I assure you that merging TW & Comcast will result in a regulatory disaster. The only people who will profit from a merger will be lawyers, the general public would not benefit, nor would the stockholders of TW stock..

Corwin Zechar Some City in the SF Bay Area, CA The internet is a utility and should be free to everyone. If we give Comcast unfettered control over the internet the people of California and the rest of the US will never have the ability to access anything they want on the internet.

# Robert Beauchamp

Manteca, CA

The fundamental requirement for a benevolent and properly functioning capitalism is fair market competition. Comcast and all would-be monopolists fight for a market that is neither fair nor competitive. Too many media mergers have already happened, this one must be stopped.

# Arlene Nichols

Menlo Park, CA

The first thing that happens is the controlling companies don't negotiate with their media providers they just demand low prices that the provider can't sustain. Then they say they're going to drop the provider. Then they tell the customers who complain we would have had to pay more because the suppliers were being unreasonable. When a major corporation owns control over most of a resource they don't have to negotiate with anyone and they know that. Victor Nepomnyashchy

North Hills, CA

The fewer business players in a market, the worse off the consumers are. Please protect working-class Americans by preventing the already overconglomerated industry from getting even more overconglomerated. Remember, this system is supposed to be of the people, by the people, for the people, not the fatcat corporations. Sharon McKinney Ventura, CA The fees charged by cable TV are ridiculous! I'm retired and live on a fixed income. There needs to be more than one cable company per area; competition would bring rates down! robert weitkamp Simi Valley, CA

The extortion that is currently going on with the large ISP's and Netflix is an excellent example of what we have to look forward to after the merger, except on a grander scale. The head of the FCC is/was the head lobbyist for the cable industry so we can't count on him for net neutrality. If I pay for a large pipe from my ISP (currently Time Warner) but then they charge the sites I visit for reasonable access to their network, I have to pay extra for the data throughput I already paid for. Case in point Netflix upped their subscription rate to cover additional peering costs.

Nadya Tichman Oakland, CA The customer service we receive from Comcast right now is horrible. We are already upset that we have so few choices in this market. If Comcast is allowed to merge with Time-Warner, things will only get worse for consumers. Marilynn Boosinger Willits, CA

The CPUC has a public mandate to protect the best interests of the People over corporations. I adjure you to block the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable, which would adversely affect phone and broadband services in the most populous areas of California. Thank you.

Robert Long

Los Angeles, CA

The continuing consolidation of U. S. media production and distribution is very troubling. Poor quality and high prices go hand in hand when monopolies of any sort -vertical or horizontal -- are allowed to thrive. Thierry Paradan Redwood City, CA The COMCAST-TIME WARNER merger will excessively restrict my (and all Californians) choices in cable and internet services. I oppose it. mark fenn San Rafael, CA The Comcast-Time Warner merger is clearly another step toward monopoly, resulting in fewer choices, less competition and higher prices. It is not in the consumers' interests, and should NOT be approved. John Kerns Livermore, CA

The Comcast-Time Warner merger creates a monopoly which is bad for competition and bad for consumers. Comcast already charges exorbitant rates and by giving them more power consumers will be stuck with higher costs. Please do not allow this merger.

Sean Wayland Rohnert Park, CA The Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger does not serve the public interest. It expands an already massive business empire to near-monopoly levels. Reject the proposal. David Camp Burbank, CA The Comcast/TWC proposed merger would further decrease choice, competition and incentives for improved service, channel selection and cost savings for consumers.

Dave Gillingham Coronado, CA The Comcast/Time Warner merger cannot possibly be good for California consumers. Utility service is bad enough now, what happens when there is less competition. I am in favor of free enterprise, but not de facto monopolies

Dr, G, William Walster, Ph. D. Sunnyvale, CA The Comcast TWC merger will be the death of democracy in the US. Seth Resnik West Hollywood, CA The Comcast Time Warner merger would be catastrophic for consumer choice, competition, and internet freedom. I strongly oppose it, and urge you to do the same. Jacqueline Vaughn North Hollywood, CA

The Comcast Time Warner merger will undoubtedly hurt consumers and create a monolithic cable monopoly unlike we've seen since AT&T owned and operated all the telephone lines in the US. Their competition is minimal; few to none can provide the same high-speed internet/phone/cable packaging to consumers. As someone who's used their service and others (both Comcast and Time Warner Cable), it is a lower, not higher quality product. No one wins here except the cable company. You must oppose this merger for California consumers!

Victoria Flamenco Mountain View, CA The Comcast Time Warner merger must be blocked! This country was founded on many principles, one of which being the belief that monopolies are just plain wrong. Constance Nelson Los Angelese, CA The Comcast Time Warner merger is only in the interest of Time Warner and will seriously minimize options for Californians and raise prices due to lack of competition. As a citizen of California, I oppose this merger entirely.

Jack Linet Redlands, CA The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger will result in reduced competition, a degradation in service and an inevitable increase in rates. Christine LaTorra Blue Lake, CA The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger will create what amounts to a monopoly in California. We already are limited in our choice and this merger would make it even more difficult to have options to choose from. Felix Prael San Diego, CA The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is not in our interest. Please block it. Catherine Fox-Copeland San Diego, CA

The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is not a good thing for consumers. The market is bad enough and will be worse with this merger. As it is I only have two choices for cable in the area that I live in and they both know it. Neither choice has been a good one for my family and I am very frustrated with the system. Please do not allow this merger to go through because it will make it even worse. Thank you for your time and interest.

Trisha Leavitt Sunnyvale, CA The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is bad for all. Please say NO to this! Carolin Radcliff

Sacramento, CA

The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is a mega monopoly. It will make any competition impossible. It hurts the consumer, because there won't be a choice left. It hurts businesses wanting to compete, and frankly, it isn't in the best interest of humanity. Why, because information is being highjacked by a few greedy people at the top. Please say "NO" to this merger. Monopolies are never a positive thing!

Patrick Teng

Burlingame, CA

The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is a bad idea as there will be less competition in the market and the merged company will be able to charge whatever prices they want. Ernest Pava

Los Angeles, CA

The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger does not serve the public interest; it will mean higher prices and worse service. Comcast has used its money and political influence to push through this merger in both Washington D.C. and the states, and they did not do that for public service reasons. Please do the right thing to serve the public interest by not allowing this merger. Sincerely, Ernest Pava

# Joseph Michelson

Berkeley, CA

The Comcast takeover of Time Warner Cable is a bad deal for consumers! If the combined company is allowed to form, it will remove one of the biggest protections consumers have against overpriced, poorly functioning cable service AND Internet service. Even if I wanted to watch TV over the internet, I would still be trapped by Comcast's monopoly over high-speed Internet service. I happen to be borrowing a friend's computer as I write this; he has DSL & it is painfully slow, so Comcast is the only practical provider of highspeed Internet service. Once a merger is approved, Comcast will have such market power that it can raise its prices ever more rapidly. It will have no real competition, so it won't have any incentive to improve or to cut prices. It can also crush Net Neutrality by 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

Russell Addiego

San Francisco, CA

The Comcast service that I have is horrible, but the customer "service" is much, much worse! Oh please do not give Comcast a greater share of the market, and thus even less incentive to give us decent care and service. Does the word monopoly ring a bell? It should!

Patricia Morton

Los Angeles, CA

The Comcast merger with Time Warner Cable would drastically reduce competition and consumers' choices, resulting in a virtual monopoly for Comcast. We have too few choices as it is. I urge you to not approve this merger! Jason Mobarak

### San Ramon, CA

The Comcast merger will not help consumer choice or contribute to an increase in competition that's badly needed in the ISP business. Comcast is also the antithesis of California innovation, they're a company that makes money by raising prices, not by innovating or providing are particularly good product. It's a valid business practice, but it's bad for consumers, a merge is only going to encourage more behavior like this. For the sake of the open Internet and for the good of Internet consumers, please say no to the Comcast merger.

jose landazuri cupertino, CA The Comcast merger is tantamount to a monopoly. Please do not allow it. Barbara Banford El Cerrito, CA The Comcast merger is a very bad idea. Choice is much better for the consumers.

# Tom Newman

#### Torrance, CA

The Comcast - Time Warner proposed merger has to be one of the worst ideas ever proposed for for California. It is a step back to the days of Robber Barons and the all-powerful Railroads, the days before the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Effectively the merger would establish a stranglehold on the Information Highway. It would be a great step backwards, negating competition and allowing unlimited rate hikes because there is no place to turn. Already it is effectively a licensed monopoly. The merger would solidify it. And the public would suffer.

Carl Gage

Simi Valley, CA

The combination of these two companies would destroy what little competition remains to help keep consumer costs in line with reality.

### Paul Kilian

South Pasadena, CA

The citizens of California are not served by the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. This is for the benefit of ghose who aleady exercise too much power for their own inappropriate doings. Laura Rasmussen Santa Barbara, CA The California Public Utilities Commission should block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. This merger is not in the best interest of Californians. I urge the Commissioners to determine the merger is not in the best interest of all Californians.

#### Marc Gordon

Sunnyvale, CA

The California Public Utilities Commission should block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable since the merger is not in my and my fellow Californians' best interest. This will lead to a virtual monopoly in most heavily populated service areas, which will lead to increased profits for Comcast at the expense of higher service charges to consumers. Please block this takeover!

# GEORGE BAIR

#### Merced, CA

The California Public Utilities Commission is suppose to make decisions based on what's in the public's best interests, hence the name PUBLIC Utility Commission and not PRIVATE. In fact, this merger is not in the best interest of either Public or Private interests. Time Warner and Comcast have poor service records and the public won't be served better by their merger. Furthermore, their merger further reduces competition in the telecommunications Private sector and that has never been in the public's best interests. Such mergers have, in fact, resulted in poorer service and increased rates. Do the right thing and do your job: reject this merger in the name of the Public you are suppose to represent. Sincerely, Karen Applebaum Oakland, CA

The California Public Utilities Commission has proven for far too long that it cannot serve the public interest as long as it is headed by Michael Peevey. No confidence in this PUC. Out with Michael Peevey!

# Linda Dudzic

Petaluma, CA

The California market needs competition. There is no competition in our area and it will never improve if you approve this merger. Our rates go up, up, up as they add services that we don't want. We're forced to buy services we don't want in order to get the one or two things we do want to purchase. Nicholas Williams Lancaster, CA

The California Public Utilities Commission can block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable if it determines the merger is not in my family or my own best interest. The PUC needs to listen toevery Californian fed up with high prices and lousy service for phone and broadband services. It's a bad idea to allow Comcast to control California's multi media market, I don't think this merger will benefit me or my family or friends.

Tim Hebb

Los Angeles, CA

The cable TV and Internet providers have had virtual monopolies on their markets for too long, which is one reason American consumers suffer from services that are too slow, too expensive and poorly supported, compared with many foreign markets. The Comcast Time Warner merger would inevitably make this trend even worse for consumers, and set back competition and service performance in the U.S. even further. The PUC commissioners should reject this merger resoundingly, and keep close watch on other service companies that plan similar unions. They would only be bad for American consumers and for competition in the industry, which is our best hope for turning around a disturbingly non-competitive environment.

Lowell Kebschull

Santa Clarita, CA

The bottom line: the proposed merger is bad for current Comcast and Time Warner customers and it's bad for the rest of us cable customers who will be hurt by the decreased competition. Please stop the madness! Wes Rawlins Cupertino, CA The bills are already way too high and it will only get worse if the merger is approved. It's up to you to protect consumers from this attack. Stop the merger. Mary Renner San Francisco, CA The bigger the company the less they care about the customers. Comcast is big enough already to be lousy so please don't let it get bigger by taking over Time Warner!! Thank you.

Raymond Jackson Hayward, CA The best way to improve internet service in California is through competition. Allowing this merger would make it even harder to improve competition in the future.

Corinne Van Houten Sacramento, CA The beauty of the Internet is its freedom from corporate giants who monopolize and control so much of the media--we need at least ONE form of media free from this kind of invasive and self-serving corporate control. The Internet must remain neutral.

Liz Villalobos Santa Cruz, CA The amount of control Comcast already has over local TV and internet is infuriating. I am locked into a 2-year contract and everything I hear about altering the contract early, should I decide to move, is unnerving.

Eric Theiss

Eureka, CA

The "efficiency" argument for mergers hasn't held water for decades, and its disgusting that you would even be considering this merger. Monopolies/Duopolies etc (up to 5) are much more profitable certainly, but much less competitive are FAR LESS RESPONSIVE to the consumer. No more tinkle down economics. You're in enough hot water after San Mateo. Are you sure you won't go to jail for approving this merger???

Race Bannon San Francisco, CA That much concentrated power is never good for the market. Never. Lorraine Schmidt Mountain View, CA That CA residents even have to appeal to the CPUC to do what they KNOW is in the best interests of Californians is sad testimony to corporate ownership of our government - federal and state. Please do what is right and prevent another mega merger! Whatever happened to anti-trust legislation?

Gabriel Almazan La Verne, CA Thank you for reading my message.

Susan Herold san diego, CA test

roy palassou

salinas, CA

Telecom and Cable services are crap for value.'They've become a monopoly and you'll continue the poor service by okaying them. The FCC has failed, the Justice dept has failed and you'll continue the contribution by allowing this. I don't subscribe to them and continue to use air broadcast and just don't watch anything anymore. No competition pisses me off and the wink knudge agreements with in the industry are totally crap too. I believe you're a part of the good ol' boy screwing the US middle class and consumers have been getting. Do what you want hope your pockets are getting lined. I'll never own Com or DTV, and you've failed to do your job with PG&E as well. I don't need to write a compelling or eloquent argument to persuade you either. I don't believe that you could argue factually to 

Judy Jensen

Santa Rosa, CA

Terrible customer service, outrageous pricing NOW. What would it be after Comcast really controls cable t.v. I have been on the phone for literally hours at a time to try deal with pricing and service. Much of the time I cannot understand the rep and have even had them hang up after sitting on hold for an hour. Currently we pay \$198 for cable, DSL and a land line. Our premium channels are really second tier. As seniors on a fixed income, we will probably have to go to dish or??? Monopoly is only good for the company. They have raised our rates every single year for at least 10 years. We've reached our max.

Susan Bredau Valley Village, CA Take your merger and shove it! Melanie Neves Stockton, CA Suck it Comcast Joy Hurst Newark, CA Such a merger will make a bad situation so much worse for consumers. I am so tired, as are many of my friends, of Comcast's bad service. Enough! Stop this merger!

Steve Zonner Dublin, CA Such a merger also means less programming diversity and more "mainstream" pop culture. New ideas and greater enjoyment are spurred from an increased intellectual bandwidth as opposed to the sameness and lockstep of the usual media presentations.

Manish Jhanji Santa Clara, CA Stop this proposed merger!

Robert Keller Red Bluff, CA Stop this monopoly now! Edwin Bruce San Jose, CA STOP THIS MERGER NOW !!!! steven rosen Encinitas, CA Stop this merger it would harm the public. Arthur Sawl Nevada City, CA Stop thiis merger from happening. We used to have anti-trust laws that would have prevented this merger from happening. Now, we just have a congress that literally does nothing. Maybe you commissioners have more guts and freedom of action than the clowns in our nation's capitol. Do something for the average working stiff. DO THE RIGHT THING

Shelley Butz Los Angeles, CA Stop the monopolization of media. Steve Chbandler San Mateo, CA Stop the creation of a monopoly. We will be denied choice. sincerely Stevan Chandler 50 Mounds Road #510 San Mateo, CA 94402

Patricia Facciani Santa Maria, CA STOP the Comcast Time Warner merger! They are both big enough and don't need to become one. Patricia Reinecke San Jose, CA

Stop Comcast's takeover of Time Warner Cable. I am sick of high prices and lousy service with Comcast! I am asking you to to decide against the merger. It will create a mega monopoly that is not good for the consumers. Please say NO!! Carole Radin Studio City, CA Stop Comcast's takeover of Time Warner Cable, and with it, most of California's cable and Internet market! Ken Jones Paradise, CA Stop comcast now. Dont allow there plan to double our rates in five years. Ken Jones

PETER suSAI Newark, CA STOP COMCAST Michael Kensinger San Francisco, CA Stand up for the consumer. Say NO to the Comcast monopoly

Justin Kay Sherman Oaks, CA Southern California needs internet COMPETITION and where I live, Time Warner is the ONLY option. Please vote no to this merger. If Comcast wants California, let them be a competitor, not a dictator. Gerald Craven Torrance, CA

Since when were monopolies a good thing? Time Warner already dominates the market in Southern California. What we need is healthy competition amongst the major players in the market - not less. This is the American way. Protect California consumers and stop this merger.

# Guy V Burbank, CA

Since when are greed and power ok? Stop this greedy nonsense now. When Californians say "Enough!" and stop buying the "service" of Comcast, where will they go then for their never-ending rabid profit-line? Do you think that citizens will not reach a point where they cancel their subscriptions enforce? Pure Greed is driving this train in that direction. Personally, I have stopped watching tv. I'm sure I'm not the only one. My wife is ready to drop our hook up completely. Be brave and act for the citizens. Say NO! to this merger.

### Thomas Newton Alameda, CA

Since the time after "Ma Bell" was broken up into 7 'baby bells' in 1984, there has been a tremendous amount of unimagined innovation due to the renewed competitive environment in the telecommunications industry. A merger of Comcast and Time Warner would be an unimaginably giant step backward for the consumer of cable products. This is not just about "Cable TV", this is about the future competiveness and unimagined innovation of the telecommunications industry. I cannot object loudly enough to a proposed merger. Please say "NO" to short sighted arguments and take the long view for the people of the United States and vote against the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger

# John Wiesner

Castro Valley, CA

Since my Comcast provider is erratic and service is not terribly consistent nor supportive, simply having them merge with Time Warner is NOT a solution for us customers. Further, concentrating monopoly power is the wrong way to go. Please block the Comcast-Time Warner merger.

# ALEX USKOLOVSKY

LOS ANGELES, CA

Since monopolies have never been doing good in the history, I think it's a bad idea to allow Comcast to control California's market, then spread this far and wide.

Terrell Rodefer Van Nuys, CA Simply put: Just leave things as they are. Anthony Poulos Morgan Hill, CA Show the public that you're WITH the people and you won't let Comcast monopolize the market! Paula Berry Los Angeles, CA Service is bad enough with Time Warner, and those I know with Comcast also complain bitterly. Please don't let Comcast take over Time Warner so that no incentive for improvement exists.

Lu Carpenter San Francisco, CA Service is already overpriced and problematic. I can only imagine how much worse it will get with a bigger monopoly.

G Caviglia Morgan Hill, CA Saying "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is just common sense. You should know all of the valid arguments against the merger by now. Nothing more should need to be said. NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Terry Lindsay Canoga Park, CA Say to big business taking over the state of California and overcharging the people of California.

Barbara Gain Castro Valley, CA Say no to the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger. To much market share and control for one company. Not good for residents, we will have less and less options for competitive rates and such.

Matthew Collins San Diego, CA Say NO to Monopolies in California H Besen Newport Beach, CA Say no to large company take overs! The cable industry is suffering from high prices & bad quality already! It wasn't okat for Microsoft... It's not okay for Comcast!!!

David Sands Aliso Viejo, CA Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger, Big is just bad for consumers!

Thomas Neuman Grover Beach, CA Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!. Competition is good for consumers.

Sharon Sugar San Diego, CA Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!.

Myron Sulak Pacifica, CA Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! There led be choices! Dennis Knight

Aptos, CA

Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner cable merger! Say yes to competition, and to choices for consumers. Don't let Comcast or any other large corporation dominate the market to such an extent that consumers are left with fewer options and with no choice but to pay inflated prices. Jon STOA San Francisco, CA Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Robin Stelling San Rafael, CA Remember the break up of Ma Bell? We still don't want a monopoly!

Bill Herman Oceanside, CA Reject the deal, it doesn't serve the public interest! Ed Dawson Campbell, CA Regulate Comcast. Don't allow a merger!

Peter Schick Santa Barbara, CA Reclassify the Internet as a public utility, thus guaranteeing its continued equal access to everyone and the technology and innovation it has allowed. Steve Ornellas Fremont, CA Reasons for Net Neutrality .. simply put! http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/obamacorrect-net-neutrality/ Sharon Scull

Pasadena, CA

Quite simply, the Comcast-Time Warner merger will create a monopoly. Bigger is rarely better. Monopolies are never good for the consumer. They just drive prices up and offer poorer service. Please disallow the proposed merger. Bill Leikam Palo Alto, CA Putting Comcast together with Time-Warner is a horrible idea and I hold stock in both companies.

Steve Claassen Auberry, CA PUC, Please don't let the ComCast-TimeWarner monopoly ruin free speech and the free flow of information in California. Do your best to turn back this merger and promote choice in communications wherever possible. Thanks.

# MARK MOYNIHAN

Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Prices for cable and internet, like tuition and health care, have skyrocketed climbing much faster than inflation and wage increases. Allowing Comcast and Time Warner to merge would be a terrible blow to an already fragile economy.

Nick Ford Roseville, CA Prices are high enough now without granting more monopolies. Jeffrey Jenkins Diamond Bar, CA Prevent the mega-monopoly by stopping the ComCast and Time-Warner merger. Sal Ferris Alameda, CA Prevent Comcast from merging with Time Warner Cable in California Carol Peck Gilroy, CA

Prevent a monopoly! Our economy was based on healthy competition, not giving control of one company which usually results in high cost and low service to everyone. Keep our free system going and protect the people that pay your salary.

Hal Gausepohl Crescent City, CA PLEASE.don't let Comcast merge with Time Warner! William Segraves San Jose, CA Please. We do not want one company to 'own' a great majority of the California market. These types of monopolies have NEVER been a boon to the public, or to the economy in general. I strongly oppose the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger

Judy Hewitt

Stockton, CA

Please, PUC, block this merger in CA. I am an elderly woman who already pays over two hundred dollars a month for phone, Internet, and cable television. Comcast refuses to offer a senior discount. I live in a community who has already tacked on additional taxes to Comcast's cable service. Television is my sole form of news and entertainment. My Internet is used for learning and bill paying as well as online banking and family contact. The Internet has become a valuable tool for the elderly offering us worldwide contact and information I place a very high value on. Comcast already has a bad attitude when dealing with the company because they know we, the customers, have no where else to go for our services. For all intent and purpose Comcast has become a monopoly with little or TC /1 \* 10 11 / 1

Louise Knapp Carmel By The, CA Please, please protect consumers by blocking this. merger----be a progressive force. Call on your inner Teddy Roosevelt to protect market choice. Jacquelyn Reynolds Yorba Linda, CA PLEASE, please do not approve a merger between terrible Comcast and almost as horrible Time Warner Cable. We consumers are being consumed by bad decisions and greedy companies who offer nothing for our \$\$\$ but lousy service. These two are among the very worst so do NOT give them even more power. Thank you for your help.

Robert Harris Villa Park, CA Please, no Comcast!

Kent Wrede Fortuna, CA Please, for the sake of consumers and choices, deny the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Do not set us consumers (and VOTING Taxpayers) up for such restrictive and monopolizing mergers!

Edgar Gilbert Aptos, CA Please, 'don't' elevate Comcast into an even more over priced and unresponsive mega-giant monopoly with the proposed merger with Time Warner Cable.

Mario Solano Santa Rosa, CA Please, do not allow a monopoly in California. Glenn Michel Long Beach, CA Please! No Comcast take-over of California Miriam Glickman

Walnut Creek, CA

Please! Comcast is just horrible to deal with. They cut off my comcast.com email this June when I moved. It took seven! calls to get reconnected. And each call required me to be on hold a good half hour before they even answered. Gregory Hall

San Marcos, CA

Please vote NO to big mergers like the Comcast-Time Warner deal. This proposed merger would be bad for families across California. We need more competition in our business sector, not less!

Margaret B Phillips Valley Center, CA Please vote NO on the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Joel Pahn Oak Park, CA Please vote NO on the Comcast - Time Warner cable merger. Time Warner is already too expensive with terrible service and poor channel choices.

Andre Tarverdians San Diego, CA Please vote "NO" to a merger between telecommunications giants Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Time Warner Cable and Comcast have terrible track records nationwide regarding their quality of service and customer service, and there have been numerous reports of these companies unfairly charging their customers. Many of these customers only have one available service provider for cable and internet services in their area. Reducing the number of options these customers have is not the right answer. I urge you to oppose any merger between Time Warner Cable and Comcast.

Donna Barker

Sacramento, CA

Please vote "no" on Comcast's attempt to merger with Time Warner Cable. This is "not" in my best interest. We are fed with paying high prices and this will only lead to less competition and even more higher prices and lousy service.

# Russell Fochler

Castro Valley, CA

Please use your power and authority to block the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. I'm deeply concerned about this merger - and the underlying problem of not enough effective competition for internet access to homes and businesses. Until/unless there is enough competition to enable fair prices and consumer-oriented services we need you and other regulators to protect the public and intervene.

Pete Kaminski Van Nuys, CA Please stop this nonsense. Where's the modern day equivalent of monopoly busting Teddy Roosevelt when you need them?

Mark Cooper Santa Barbara, CA Please stop this move in it's well-funded tracks! All Californians will be affected by this, not just those who live in the directly-affected areas! Thomas Brunner Petaluma, CA Please stop this monopolization of the media. There is too much centralization of media outlets as it is. You should be looking for ways to increase competition..

Linda Kade Berkeley, CA Please stop this monopolistic maneuver to limit Californians' access to truly competitive cable services.

# Gary De Foe Tipton, CA

Please stop this merger. Unless there is a chance of reversing two decades of increasing prices for cable services (which I don't believe Comcast will do), then the merger should be blocked. Comcast has said nothing about how it might save any consumer money and because of that, I feel that it is not in the public's best interest. Gary De Foe 13867 Road 144 Tipton, Ca. 93272 Elena Fritchle Mountain View, CA Please stop this merger! We want a competitive market and choices. This merger is in the wrong direction! Roy Martinez Stockton, CA Please stop this merger Comcast has a bad reputation with reliability and this merger would give them a bigger market share and more leverage to do less for us the customers.

Lee Spieller Los Gatos, CA Please stop this merger and injustice on our citizens. Michael Scott Brooks Palm Springs, CA Please stop this mega-merger. Service is already terrible with Time-Warner and if Comcast takes over, we will be forced to deal with a worse company!

John Horwege San Jose, CA Please STOP this attempt at illegal monopolizing of the Internet. Jesse Worthen San Diego, CA Please stop the time-Warner/Comcast merger. I am very against this corporate action. This will eliminate much needed competition, which will eventually limit technological advancement. Sincerely, Jesse D Worthen 4534 Alabama Street San Diego, California 92116 Nancy Watkins Lake Forest, CA Please stop the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We, Californian's, are fed up with the high prices and lousy service. This would not be advantageous to us to let this merger happen.

Eugene Canzano El Segundo, CA Please stop the megamerger!

Hektor Gibson Valencia, CA Please stop the loss of one more option in the ever shrinking market for television and news. Not that the current system is good. It's just the the mergers are worse.

John Casaudoumecq Greenbrae, CA Please stop the concentration of service providers. We need more competition. Look at what has happened in other industries.

Eugene Lee

Lake Forest, CA

Please STOP the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger. Californians cannot allow the likes of Comcast, already a giant in the industry, to merge with another giant like Time Warner Cable, to create yet a bigger giant to dominate the telephone, cable and internet market in California. . It's hard to imagine how combining two companies with lousy reputations for hiking prices and delivering poor services could possibly benefit Californians. As the PUC, tasked to protect all Californians from abusive corporate greed, has a duty and the power to stop Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. It is not in our interest..

John Herziger Sierra Madre, CA Please stop the Comcast/time Warner merger. As a Time Warner customer, I already receive poor service at a high price. This merger will only make a bad situation worse. Susan Steiner San Rafael, CA Please stop the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger Bruce Raby SanJose, CA Please stop the attempt by Comcast to gain a monopoly and be able to overcharge customers using their cable and internet services. We need more competition! Thank you,

Gerald deiotte Roseville, CA Please stop the actions of the Comcast effort to dominate the phone and broadband market here in California. I was once a Comcast subscriber but ended my service with them due to their poor quality, reliability and inferior customer service. I adamantly oppose their efforts.

Kyla Grant Baldwin Park, CA Please STOP Comcast. Their planned takeover is not in anyone's best interest but their own.

Kathy Devore Lakewood, CA Please stop Comcast. I'm already paying to much for cable TV and if this merger happens that will decrease the competition and the prices will continue to go up.

Judith West Woodland, CA Please stop Comcast from taking over the California market. Fees are already too high. Doug Pugh Mission Viejo, CA Please stop allowing these monopolistic cable companies from merging, thereby reducing competition and providing even poorer service to consumers! To say nothing of spiraling costs! NO to the Comcast/Time Warner merger!

Ted Perry Gold River, CA Please stop the merger of Comcast and Time Warner.Thank you

Virginia Wheaton Walnut Creek, CA Please stand against the Time-Warner merger and the further concentration of power in monopolies.

Steven Tavares Sacramento, CA Please say NO to unhealthy monopolies

Nancy Pigg Pinole, CA

Please say No to the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Comcast was my only voice for years. Their quality and service was horrible and they continually raised prices without fixing their problems or increasing content. Many years we received multiple price increases. Please do not give them more power and the ability to take my long awaited voices away.

Eric Hahn Palo Alto, CA Please say NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger. John Overstreet Los Gatos, CA Please say no to the Comcast merger. Is terrible for the consumer.

Adam Lane Santa Barbara, CA Please say no to less competition.

Alison Ellsworth San Francisco, CA Please say no to Comcast's merger.Thank you. Dianne Martin Vaughan Half Moon Bay, CA Please say NO to Comcast. Cable is now a utility that every household needs to stay connected to their families, community and the world. Please support the needs of individuals and not corporate interests.

# Jan McKim

#### San Carlos, CA

Please say "No" to the Comcast Time Warner merger. The combined company would be an Internet and cable juggernaut with unmatched power to crush competition and hike prices for consumers. In fact, Comcast has admitted that prices will go up. This deal would make Comcast the only traditional cable provider available to nearly two-thirds of the U.S. This deal would allow Comcast to control a third of the cable and satellite market, and half of the bundled video/Internet market. The merger would allow Comcast to use its market power to dictate the terms of broadband openness, cost and access at a time when the U.S. lags well behind other developed nations on each of these measures. With Comcast in charge, we'll continue to sink in the rankings. Comcast is already bloated: In 2011, it -1 1/1 /1 A NDALL

John Manning

# San Francisco, CA

Please say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. It is not in the public interest to have a single firm dominate almost all of California internet and cable business. My personal experience as a Comcast subscriber has been consistently negative. I do not want wish to have effectively no choice but to deal with them. Thank you for your consideration of my views. Sergiu Capalna Riverside, CA Please say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. For the past couple of weeks I've been bombarded with 3 or 4 letters from them to sign up for their deals. The prices were not competitive, too high for the average homeowner. No options. This is manipulation of end consumer. Not a fair marketing. Please stop this no sense deal. Thank you. Thank you. Sandra Holm

Sacramento, CA

Please say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Comcast already has a near-monopoly on cable and internet service in the Sacramento area. I have essentially two choices - Comcast and AT&T. There should be more options and real competition for my business. Please don't allow this to continue and to expand.

Don Dudan Walnut Creek, CA Please say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! C S

sdiego, CA

Please say "No" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger now. If it goes through it will lead to severely anti-consumer monopolistic conditions. Stop the merger and protect consumers! Thank you.

# Thomas Sprayberry

Alameda, CA

Please represent the public's interest instead of the usual corporate bought and paid for politics that have polluted the system in place that's supposed to have our best interest first and foremost. Do what is best for us, the consumers that depend on your protective oversight from those (Comcast) that would take advantage of the situation. Thank you Thomas Sprayberry

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#### Jesse Soto

Arcadia, CA

Please reject the merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. I am currently with Time Warner and their service is poor when it comes to customer problems. Joining these two companies will result in double the customer problems. also, If you approve I will no longer be a Time Warner problem. Ravinder Sappal

Vacaville, CA

Please reject the Comcast-Time Warner merger. I didn't realize that Comcast would become a virtual monopoly in the great state of CA. There would be hardly any competition, it seems that AT&T and Verizon have only a limited presence in CA.

Jerry Hudgins Point Reyes Station, CA Please reject the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger. I don't believe that it's in the public's interest. Andrew Brasch

Carmichael, CA

Please reject the Comcast - Time Warner merger in the state of California. The record of either company in terms of service responsiveness, continous rate increases far past the cost of living index are horrid ...and that's when they are in a competitive situation. DO NOT approve these two companies merger. For all california consumers of their services, giving them a monopoly position will be a consumer disaster both in trms of even worse service responsiveness and sky rocketing home service rate increases. PLEASE DISAPPROVE the merger.

Barry Levine La Mesa, CA

Please realize that consumers do not want fewer choices that will lead to increased prices on telecommunications or anything else. Please oppose the Comcast merger. Jeff Eckerle

Los Angeles, CA

Please put the interests of the citizens of California above greed of the corporations. The only way democracy and capitalism work is by preserving competition. When one corporation controls the market there is no choice. Service suffers and prices go up. Therefore, I respectfully ask you to stop this merger Anita Moser Palo Alto, CA Please protect us, the consumers from abuses by the suppliers who dominate the market and have no competitors such as the Comcast/TimeWarner Cable merger would create.

Karen Fredrickson 2257 Hanover St, CA Please protect options for consumers!

Elizabeth Lincoln Palo Alto, CA Please protect consumers from the Comcast Time Warner mega merger. This is not in the best interests of the public. Please do your duty to the citizens of California. Sherry Vatter Los Angeles, CA Please protect Californians from being forced to use Comcast's incompetent, overpriced services. MONOPOLIES- or near monopolies - are NOT in the public interest; healthy competition is.

Peter Crosman

La Canada, CA

Please prevent the Comcast Mega Merger! Passage of the merger will further erode any semblance of fair competition; which is the hallmark of good capitalism and fair practices to service the needs of the consumer/ citizen of this State and this country. Frank Lossy Kensington, CA Please oppose the merger of Comcast and Times Warner!Thanks. Rebecca Newman Irvine, CA Please oppose the Comcast-Time Warner merger attempt. Cable and broadband companies are already too large, often have poor customer service, and have far too much control over the content to which subscribers have access. We do not need even bigger, more powerful cable and broadband providers! Please do the right thing and block this merger. Elliot Becker Escondido, CA

please oppose the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. It is a further example of dangerous media consolidation joining 2 of among the most unpopular companies in America! It is a very bad idea and clearly NOT in the public interest. I am a former San Diego County Cable TV Commissioner. Thanks for your time and consideration.

David Rodriguez Riverside, CA Please make Comcast and Time Warner prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that this merger will result in better and faster service, cheaper fees, and no on screen advertising or plugs for programs while a program is being watched. Otherwise, VOTE NO!!!

Maureen Lahiff Oakland, CA Please keep our market open and competitive.

PATRICK BURKE Ventura, CA Please keep competition alive. No to the proposed Comcast.- Time Warner Merger. Geoff Cords San Diego, CA please keep competition alive. america needs more choice, not another market dominated by one very large corporation. Thank you Laird Thometz Whittier, CA Please keep Comcast out of the State of California. Their uncaring customer service is something that they seem to take great pride in as a point in proving that they have more power than the lowly consumer.

Michael Connors Live Oak, CA Please help stop the elimination of competition in the delivery of television services in California by voting against the merger of Comcast and Time-Warner.

DANA FOX Penngrove, CA Please heed my and many others opinions. DO NOT ALLOW the Comcast Time Warner merger. You are suppose to represent the PUBLIC UTILITIES and their customers NOT THE LARGE CORPORATIONS.

Joseph Hardin santa monica, CA Please give us choice in the cable tv market...not a monopoly. Thank you.

Bob Wiseman Hayward, CA Please give serious consideration to this proposed merger that will reduce the news and entertainment choices of potentially millions of households throughout California and the rest of the nation. Becoming bigger does not equate with becoming better.

Rusty Hightower Walnut Creek, CA Please exercise wisdom while deliberating. You serve the people not the mega-corporations. Mary Blyth Cloud Inglewood, CA Please don't take away our choice as consumers. Limited choices, or worse, monopolies, mean no incentive to give good service, and higher and higher prices. When my city made a poor deal for only one cable company in the area, the service was so bad and so expensive, a lot of us just quit cable altogether. We still can't get a decent "bundle" to keep our costs down.

Renee Kalvin Porter Ranch, CA Please don't let this merger take place. Consumers need more choices, not less; more vendors, not monopolies.

Carol Padovan Concord, CA Please don't let this merger happen. It's bad for everyone except the two corporations who want to do it (and their shareholders). It creates the effect of a monopoly and squelches net neutrality. Thank you for listening to voters more than lobbyists on this.

John Spohn Simi Valley, CA Please don't let this happen as we need choices and competition. Thanks, John

Tamar Shaham West Hollywood, CA

Please don't let Comcast merge with Time Warner Cable. They already have natural monopolies over their respective areas. Consumers have little to no choice as it is for their internet needs, and we are getting unfairly squeezed as these companies profit. Please stand up for citizens over business interests and block the merger.

Frank Malaki Sacramento, CA Please don't let Comcast increase it's stranglehold on broadband and TV service! Jonathan Hogan San Francisco, CA Please don't let Comcast and Time Warner merge. We need MORE competition, not less. Ralph Lachenmaier Ridgecrest, CA Please don't create a worse monopoly in communications. In order to have true competition about 12 competitors are needed. We are no where near that. Do what is right for a change.

Richard Gonzalez Westlake Village, CA Please don't allow this. Lourdes Galvez Lancaster, CA Please don't allow this merger. Access to internet service is more of a necessity in today's modern world. This merger would give too much control over the market to one company. Please allow for healthy competition to allow for companies to strive for better service and competitive pricing. This merger is in Comcast's best interest and not the public's.

Barbara Dover Brentwood, CA Please don't allow this merger and give Comcast control of the state. When I used comcast they did nothing but raise rates -- I dread to think I'd have to go back to them!

Michael Rothrock San Francisco, CA Please don't allow these two companies to merge. Doing so would create a single gatekeeper between content providers and consumers. Scott Wilcox Bakersfield, CA Please don't allow the Time Warner and Comcast merger. I have been an unhappy customer of Time Warner/Bright House since 1995. They have been unresponsive to several complaints of poor service and the addition of new network programming since 1996, and still are. It will only get worse if they get larger monpolistic control.

Marla Dickson Hayward, CA Please don't allow Comcast to merge with anyone. Their service already sucks bigtime!

#### Lee Rurup

San Diego, CA

Please don't allow Comcast to dominate cable/internet service in my area. I was a Comcast subscriber in another location and was NOT happy. I found their internet service to be relatively unreliable and their customer service was unpleasant to deal with. When it comes to cable television and internet service we need more competition in the marketplace, not less. Thank you. Randy Standke San Diego, CA Please don't allow Comcast and Time Warner to merge. This will further reduce competition and that will hurt consumers like me with higher prices and poorer service quality.

### Douglas Linneman

yucca valley, CA

Please don't allow any further monopolization of utilities which belong to all the people and need regulation to protect us.My 96 year old mother was abused by comcast including having a debt collector call and illegally demand payment which was later refunded after numerous phone calls by me. Katherine Huey

Mill Valley, CA

Please do your job to protect Californians by blocking the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. It is widely known that market domination by any company of this size will only result in even higher prices and poorer service, leaving residents powerless. We've seen it before and we'll surely see it again if you allow it to happen. I urge you to block the merger. Sheela Alex Encinitas, CA

Please do your best to stop Comcast from merging with Time Warner Cable. I am certain that this would not be in my best interest. If anything, we need to break these companies down into segments that would compete for our patronage. Please, do your best to stop it. Craig Allen La Crescenta, CA Please do the right thing and protect consumers from this very bad deal.

Dev Green San Francisco, CA Please do the decent thing: support citizens and companies by fighting this kind of out-of-control megamega merger. Michael Burkart San Francisco, CA Please do not permit this anti-competitive merger to go through. It will surely result in ever higher subscription costs and fewer choices for us poor viewers.

# Jason Miyake

Cerritos, CA

Please do not permit the proposed merger. Reduced competition only hurts the consumers. In the economic arena where there is a monopoly or even an oligopoly will translate into higher prices, fewer services and less innovation. Competition is healthy and keeps all of the players in check.

# Steven Reiner

Berkeley, CA

Please do not permit the proposed Comcast-Time Warner merger. We need regional diversity even if our local choices of providers are few. The so-called benefits to the consumer of prior media mergers improved choice of programming, lower costs - have never occurred.
Zuzka Eggena, MD Glendale, CA Please do NOT permit the Comcast Time Warner merger, it is not good for us consumers. Thank you. Candace Niccolson Newark, CA Please do not limit our choices any further. We already have limited choices for our phone and internet services. Without competition our already high prices will continue to escalate. We need more choices not less.

John Fuller Santa Clara, CA please do not let this merger take effect and limit the choices of average citizens for the access and costs options in the use of the internet.

L Paquette martin, CA Please do not let this merger proceed!!Thank you in advance

Greg Vie Los Angeles, CA

Please do not let this merger go through. I had to attempt to deal with comcast because of identity theft and it was impossible to contact anyone who could help me. Bad service, a huge monopoly by a cable co. Is not needed in CA. Please stop them. Linda Beebe

Fontana, CA

Please do not let this merger go through! We need free market competition to help ensure good service at fair prices! This merger would as good as create a monopoly in the cable industry in California! All cable customers will become slaves to their high prices and lousy service! Please don't let this happen.

# Philip Louie

### San Francisco, CA

Please do not let this meager go through! It will give too much power to one company who will jack up the rates to fill their own greedy pockets. They will destroy the middle class who are struggling already. I have seen rates go higher and higher with no increase in service. The horrid customer service that they have proven they have will only get worse. This will only drive down customer service in general since the new combined company will be so powerful. Please do not let this meager go through for the residents if California. Thanks, Philip Louie San Francisco, CA

Edward Morgan San Francisco, CA Please do not let the merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable take place. We do not have enough competition as it is.

Marta Banchero San Jose, CA Please do not let Comcast Time Warner Cable companies merge. My Comcast prices are always going up. We need more competition, not less. Do the right thing and have the public's best interests in mind, not these huge corporations.

Lois Weithorn San Mateo, CA Please do not let Comcast take over Time Warner Cable. They

chris voight Sacramento, CA Please do NOT let Comcast get a bigger market share in California. They raise my rate without telling me, and provide consistenly poor service. Need more options, not bigger share for these thieves!!

William Sheehan Jr. San Jose, CA Please do not let Comcast become a MONOPOLY that controls our phones & broadband. We need competition to keep them honest! Ansel Ortiz Eureka, CA Please do not let a near monopoly occur with our communications in California. Our State, of all states, should be the leader in a neutral internet access and speeds. Please do what you can ti prevent these greedy toads from taking over.

Monica Greene San Mateo, CA Please do not further limit our choices when it comes to cable and internet providers. As it is, there is already barely any competition. No company should have that kind of power!

James Joyner Rialto, CA Please do not force me into a comcast isp. Ron Park Los Altos, CA Please do not create a monopoly in California for such an important service.

#### Alix Shor

Santa Rosa, CA

Please do not approve the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner. In my area we used to have one cable company who simply raised rates whenever it suited them under the guise of "providing more channels." Cutting down competition will return me to the bad 'ol days where I had no choice.

# Peter Huddleson

Alameda, CA

Please do not approve the merger of Comcast and Time Warner cable. Consumers in California need more competition for pay TV and Internet services, not less. As a current Comcast internet customer, this merger will most likely result in my rates increasing without any improvement in quality of service. Please, please, please do not approve this merger. Martyn Haynes

Placentia, CA

Please do NOT approve the merger between Comcast and Time-Warner. If this merger is approved it will mean less choice and higher prices for the consumers. PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE IT !!!

#### Pam Versaw

Mountain View, CA

Please do not approve the Comcast/Time Warner merger. The merger offers no benefits to California cable customers. Comcast already provides the poorest customer service and extremely high pricing because they control much of the California market. Merging with Time Warner will only make their market power even stronger and more monopolistic. This will hurt current customers and everyone in the California cable market. This must be stopped!

# Stuart Gross

San Diego, CA

Please do not approve the merger between Comcast and Time Warner in California. Time warner already has exclusive internet coverage in areas of San Diego, with not high speed competition. ATT is the only other alternative where I live and they are unable to provide the speed and bandwidth I r and others require. The customer service of Time Warner is the worst I have experienced from any company I have done business with in my 60+ years. There attitude is it is my way or the Highway. Well I took the highway for TV service and went to a Satellite service and have experienced excellent service. I receive better Picture and many more channels for less money. On every customer service survey I have been able to locate, the general consensus is the service from Comcast is no better or (1 ( TT' 337 DI

# William Doerge

San Diego, CA

Please do not approve the Comcast take over of Time Warner cable. As consumers, we want to see more diverse and high quality competition for cable and Internet services, and this merger takes that market in the opposite direction. Further, Comcast (and Time-Warner) has a reputation for poor customer service and anti-competitive practices and lobbying activities. Thank you, William Doerge, San Diego.

#### RICHARD BREESE

Riverside, CA

Please do not approve the Comcast merger, the lack of competition will not help the consumer. And result in higher .cost to the consumer and the retired people.

Rob Trask

Cambria, CA

Please DO NOT approve the Comcast - Time Warner merger. This merger would further decrease already limited competition and lead to further degraded customer service and higher prices. Thank you. David Boberg Simi Valley, CA

Please do not approve Comcast's acquisition of Time Warner. Cable and high speed access costs are already too high and I am very concerned that this acquisition will further reduce competition and increase prices.

# **KEITH MILLS**

#### Claremont, CA

Please do NOT allow this proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner. I have, at one time subscribed to both services. I currently subscribe to Verizon's FiOS. The more competitors you have in the market, the more choice we consumers have, and the better the quality of the service. This merger will come closer to giving Comcast/Time-Warner a virtual monopoly in the industry. That means potentially higher costs and poorer service. Bad for everybody!!! Keith R. Mills, Ph.D. (Economics)

Joan Boulanger Irvine, CA Please do not allow this near monopoly of the cable market. These companies already do not appear to have their customers interests at heart. Thank you. Mark Barron

Van Nuys, CA

Please do not allow this merger. I am already paying \$177/month for internet and TV services and cannot afford it to go up. We are heavily dependent on our cable/internet providers to keep us informed and knowledgeable about our world. We have to have it, just like food and water. Please vote no to increase our rates, please vote no on the TWC Comcast merger.

#### miles farmer

salinas, CA

please do not allow this merger. California, like all of the USA, has virtually no options when it comes to internet services and low price tv. This merger will only make our options even less. We need an open market, with many options. This gives us none of this. PLEASE do not do this!!!! Marcela Vargas-Kuusinen San Diego, CA

Please do not allow this merger, bigger usually results in monopoly of higher prices, greatly worsening of quality service, and obviously less competition which entitles these monopolies to dictate and control prices. BIGGER DOES NOT EQUAL BETTER, JUST THE OPPOSITE!!!!! Laurel Cameron Todd San Francisco, CA Please do NOT allow this merger to take place. I was a Comcast customer for over 30 years ... Kevin McKinney Encino, CA

Please do not allow this merger to happen. If you do allow the merge please do NOT allow Comcast to charge providers of content such as Netflix and Amazon for access. I have personally witnessed how Time Warner restricts traffic flow from certain content providers until they receive payment. Keep the internet open and allow me to use the bandwidth I pay for as I please.

M K Singer Carmel, CA Please do not allow this Comcast/Time Warner merger to happen!!! This will create a monopoly. As a tax paying US citizen, I expect you to uphold the anti-trust laws created exactly for this sort of situation. You simply cannot let this merger go thru. Jim Pierson San Jose, CA

Please do not allow the merger. It will eliminate competition and is guaranteed to lead to higher prices and fewer choices for consumers. Support the public you are appointed to serve, not the multi-billion dollar corporations.

#### KENNETH MOYE

Pasadena, CA

Please do not allow the merger to go through. Such a merger will cause my cable bill to jump and there's no promise what the ceiling will be. After all, since when is a monopoly a good thing for cable consumers?

Diane Krell-Bates San Diego, CA Please do not allow the merger of Time Warner Cable and Comcast. As a Time Warner subscriber, I know my rates will go up and my service will go down if you permit this merger. Please say NO! Thank you.

#### Barbara Sevier

# Poway, CA

Please do not allow the merger of Comcast and Time-Warner to go forward. Choice is at the basis of our free press rights. If one company controls access to public ideas for the majority of the state population, they control what we know and can exert undue influence on public opinion. I do not believe that control of public opinion is the reason for the request for the merger. The request is based on a desire for revenue and client enrollment. But a corporation (whose reason for existence, by definition, is to make money) will willingly sell access to clients based on only two criteria-- what is most profitable and what agrees more closely with corporate interests. As it stands today, there are only three major providers of access to entertainment and news -- Cox Communications, 1 ...... \*\* \*

Laurie McCabe Buena Park, CA

Please do not allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. There is only so much human beings can take. People can only feel like they are powerless for so long. Cable is way too expensive and the service is mostly terrible. This merger will make those things worse, and everyone knows it. And the subscribers know that even though they are the reason these companies exist, they also know that these huge companies really do NOT care what their customers want.

Dennis Niggl Irvine, CA Please do not allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Consumers need more options and lower prices for cable services. Kathleen Duncan Long Beach, CA

Please do not allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We would prefer that we citizens choose which service to use, not municipalities as it is currently done, and definitely not the cable companies! Thank you for your time.

#### Locke Wilson

Healdsburg, CA

Please do not allow the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger. This is not in the best interest of consumers and contrary to the concept of fair market. We, as citizens, must from time to time rise to oppose large corporations when not to do so would limit diversity and opportunity. Please support us and not the Comcast Corporation. Scott Nuanes

Phillips Ranch, CA

Please do not allow Comcast to use takeover bid for Times Warner. TV, broadband, and phone bills are way too high as it is and eliminating competition is not the way to help alleviate this. Gary Hendryx

Modesto, CA

Please do not allow Comcast to take over "Time Warner Cable". There isn't any competition now and if the they buy Time Warner, they will have all the market. They have bad service now and if they dominate the market, it can only get worse. Linda Nordberg

Rohnert Park, CA

Please do not allow Comcast to narrow the choice for cable and internet service in CA. They already have bad service and high prices. If they become dominant in the market their service will be worse and there will be no incentive for them to keep prices stable or even lower them. We need more choice in this area, not less.

Gerri Devine Belmont, CA Please do not allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner. They are lousy in service and the highest in price. It is hard enough now to get good reception; can't imagine if they get bigger. Seth Munter

San Francisco, CA

Please do not allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable. A free and fair market requires choice. Its clear that a lack of cable choice is driving prices up, reducing creativity in the market, stopping independent production of content, and keeping internet speeds in the USA artificially slow. Allowing a merger for reasons of "efficiency" will only harm consumers in the long run.

Jeffrey Brown San Diego, CA Please do not allow Comcast to buy Time Warner. It will decrease competition in the marketplace and cause higher prices and less choice for consumers. Thanks! Janet Eltorai Gold River, CA Please do not allow Comcast Time Warner cable merger to go through as it will eliminate competition and allow prices to increase Chaim Palman Los Angeles, CA Please do not allow Comcast and TWC to merge!! Armen Abrahamian Los Angeles, CA Please do not allow a further consolidation in the telecom market with Comcast taking over Time Warner Cable. We are already woefully underserved and have extremely limited choices when it comes to broadband Internet service. In many areas we are limited to just one provider offering true high-speed Internet service (20Mbps+). Please don't allow these players to amass even more market power and reduce our choices. We desperately need more providers and more competition, not fewer.

David Terris Walnut Creek, CA Please disallow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. We need more competition not less. Linda Milam Denair, CA

Please disallow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. I have neither of those, but my cable company will be overwhelmed by that merger. Plus it will make my cable company think they can give me as bad a deal as my son has in Sacramento with Comcast. This country was built on competition, and if you allow this merger, competition will be stiffled. Thank you.

Robert Trask Cambria, CA Please deny the Comcast / Time Warner merger. There's not enough competition as it is, and this merger would make that worse.

Douglas Dixon Modesto, CA Please block this merger.

### RONALD LUNDGREN THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Please block the proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Both companies have very poor reputations for service and prices, and more importantly, if allowed to merge, they would have far too much nationwide influence over program content and production decisions.

#### John Briggs

Sacramento, CA

Please block the merger of Comcast and Times Warner. These are the two worst companies for customer service. We do not need them creating a single company dominating the market.

# Morgan Hoff

Cupertino, CA

Please block the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. They each need to have competition. Comcast is very expensive and their maintenance is mediocre. Dish based systems are not competition. -endElaine Fuller

#### Torrance, CA

Please block the Comcast/Time Warner merger. The proposed merger would create a monopoly that would not provide Californians with better service or prices. It's only benefit would be for Comcast and the shareholders of the two companies. No where in any of the discussions (in any media, including Federal agency hearings) have the two companies mentioned reduced prices and better services. The sole "benefit" to the California consumers is that more content would be available, presumably bundled as all other content is now. Allowing this merger to proceed will merely limit competition and reduce the already few meager options available to California consumers who are unhappy with their current provider.

Zan Best Redondo Beach, CA Please block the comcast merger. We need more options to choose from, not less. This merger would severely limit choice in California. Deborah Adamski San Diego, CA Please block the Comcast merger with Time Warner Cable. This merger is not in the best interest of the people of California. Sharon Primbsch SAN PABLO, CA Please block the Comcast - Time Warner merger! I'm in a corner, using Comcast because other TV subscriber services are almost just as bad and expensive. We need more (not less) competition to lower high prices, "unbundle" from channels we don't watch, and improve service! Please stop this merger! Dov Isaacs

Saratoga, CA

Please block the acquisition of Time Warner by Comcast. It would only make a bad situation much worse. Comcast's service is terrible and their pricing that requires you to "bundle" cable TV, internet access, and land-line phone in order to avoid outrageously high prices (as opposed to ridiculously high prices) is grossly monopolistic and predatory! Approving this acquisition and further limiting competition will only make Comcast believe that it can further degrade service and charge whatever it wants. Please block the acquisition!

Patricia Brill Los Angeles, CA Please block merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Carol Rowland Creston, CA Please block Comcast's takeover. We need competition in this field to protect consumers.

Shirley Bickel Woodacre, CA Please block Comcast's attempt to monopolize the market by taking over Time Warner. This is truly a no brainer if the PUC cares about the people it is supposed to represent. I am one of many who are vehemently opposed to this merger. Please hear and consider our voices.

Sheri Fogarty Encinitas, CA Please block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. GRADY SULLIVAN Rancho Cucamonga, CA Please accept my stand on blocking this merger. It is not in the best interest of the consumer. Nancy Fuller Los Angeles, CA Please stop this potential merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. It is a very bad idea for all Californians and may create higher prices for less efficient internet and phone service. It is not in the best interest of California consumers of these services.

Mary Cabral Dixon, CA Please do not approve of the Comcast/Time Warner merger.. Comcast has not abided by its prior agreements and needs to be held accountable. Gilda Mangold Cupertino, CA Please - do not allow this monopolizing merger of Comcast & Time Warner Cable. It is detrimental to the public to allow so much power to one company - and especially Comcast, who absolutely DOES NOT value its customers. NO MERGER! NO MERGER! NO MERGER! Please. Thank you for listening.

Dorian May Willits, CA Please block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable No more Raymond Zee Riverside, CA People, don't let the big guys get bigger and bigger. Every time they do we get charged more and more. Sue Garrett Clearlake Oaks, CA People will get lost in a merger like this. It's an appalling thought. Comcast is too big as it is. WE CAN'T LET THEM GET ANY BIGGER TO TAKE **OVER THE WORLD!** 

Ryan Church Corcoran, CA

People do not deserve to be treated like a science experiment, slave bitch. If you do this you are signing on to some serious version of Nazi Concentration Camp of the mind. The next step will be an actual act of war against everyone in which people will be slaughtered in there homes jus for the crime of being alive. I know about the depopulation plan to from roughly 316 million people in this country to 69 million in less than ten years, that doesn't happen without justifying mass murder on a massive scale. How better to do that than to consolidate the source of information to dispense false flag propaganda.

Debrah Brown Beaumont, CA Our utilities are already soaring out of control! Don't let Comcast make it even worse!

Joyce Beattie Palo Alto, CA Our service is already too expensive, slow and intermittent. This merger is not in the interest of Californians. Please do not approve the potential loss of competition, allowing one super provider to close out any chance of smaller providers to give service.

Lawrence Abbott San Leandro, CA Our media is already too merged! Our system of government does not function fairly when many media stations are owned and controlled by few people/corporations!

Patricia & Christopher Ehret Camarillo, CA

Our home cable service has been bought out twice already, the more recent time by Time Warner. Each time the service gets worse and the price gets higher. We resist "bundling" because we find that those companies that are offering TV, Internet, and phone service, all three, are not providing good service on one or more. What we need is more competition, not less!!

# Kyle Bracken

Los Angeles, CA

Our choices were already divided up during the clinton administration, then they wait until Obama to again pass this same monopolizing legislation. I'm already forced to choose from one company because of my "geographic area" but its really because they paid off politicians during clinton and yes its the Monopoly Game!

### Bobbi Feyerabend Oakland, CA

Our California community needs smaller utility services, firms we can actually know are addressing our needs. The minute a utility monopoly is put in place, like the merger of Comcast and Time Warner, the community will lose. Costs for internet services are already out of the reach of many people in California. Please do not allow this merger to happen. You have an opportunity to slow down the "money machine". There was a good reason the monopolies of the early 1900s were broken up. They had too much power, and the citizens were losing their rights.. We cannot let this happen again. Please say NO to the merger of Time Warner and Comcast.

Rachel Standish Stockton, CA Our cable situation is already horrible--please do not make it worse by allowing this merger.

# Mark Rosin

90069-5408, CA

Our cable company is Time Warner. Their service is terrible; the company has erased the idea of actually serving customers from its list of goals. Maximizing profits and eliminating service is its mission statement. It would be disastrous to allow a merger of Comcast and Time Warner. What's really needed are additional cable companies to create competitive markets that will increase service to customers and decrease prices.

# Connie Sitar

Valencia, CA

Our cable companies already hold too much power and they have proven that they will reduce service and increase prices. Monthly cable bills are already the most expensive utility for many households. The merger of two large companies will subject consumer's to less choice and more cost. Please say "No" to the merger.

# Melanie Medel

Hayward, CA

Our bill at home is already outrageous. I work in property management and even the residents are complaining about the increase in bills, poor internet service and poor customer service. Our Internet service in our office is always interrupted. Harvey GIPPLE Garden Grove, CA Opposition to Comcast to set up here California!!! Randall Swier ripon, CA Only the State can control the Megacorporation's greed by forcing competition. Help Us.

Peter Schick Santa Barbara, CA Only an idiot would believe that a Comcast monopoly would mean lower prices and better customer service. Ryan Davis Pomona, CA One mega cable giant will cost Californians more money while receiving worse service.

Bella Silverstein

Santa Clarita, CA

OMG, keep Comcast far away from me! Time Warner Cable is the WORST. I know, because I'm FORCED to use them. We don't get a signal here in Canyon Country, or else I'd be perfectly happy with free broadcast, network TV. But that's not an option here! It's insane. As is, I'm literally forced to choose between a giant mega-media monopoly (say that fast three times!) or complete disconnection from all news, including emergency broadcasts. It's un-American!

Van Tatoian North Hollywood, CA Nothing good will come out of this merger as far as the consumer is concerned. Will only mean higher prices and less competition. Patrick Bernal San Jose, CA

Not sure if you are a cable user, but if you are, you already know that you can't order the shows you want, you have to buy the bundle of programs they offer, in the price packages they offer. If you allow this merger, the grouping of what stations are within specific price ranges will get smaller not later and the other providers will have to pay higher rate to offer those programs to us, their customers.

#### Katherine Ziegler San Leandro, CA

Not only do these gigantic companies show NO signs of caring to offer good customer service at affordable prices. Their putting a lock on the market keeps us diligent, precious small businesses struggling even to pay the rent--let alone pursue world domination! We are the lifeblood keeping the world economy functioning at all. Have the guts to tell Comcast and Time Warner NO! Be on the right side of history. Show you care more about the actual economy--as a whole--than about your personal stash of stocks and the big boys' bribes.

Marla Crites

Chico, CA

Not only are Comcast's prices very high and customer service very low, but now they are trying to make each home's modem a wi-fi hotspot for their advantage. This is not only an intrusion on everyone's privacy, but the added microwave radiation will negatively impact everyone's health. This merger will definitely not benefit Californians. Please don't permit it.

Araceli Arzate Alhambra, CA Not ok

THOMAS LEONARD Livermore, CA Not fair to the consumer. Linda Dragavon San Francisco, CA Nooooooo! Rosemary McCune Forestville, CA Nobody wins with the media giants. Making Comcast bigger just makes a few people richer. It does nothing to help consumers.

Amanda Tenney Los Angeles, CA Nobody wants this! What are you thinking?! Do the right thing! Robert DeMalta Santa Clara, CA NO. Their current monopoly on high speed broadband service already limits the choice to ONE provider in my area. This would double their power and influence in the state.

marcell insua Alta Loma, CA No. It will affect me in ways that are even unknown to me today. No! Roger Brown Fair oaks, CA No. Do not allow Comcast to purchase Time Warner. Competition will be severely limited. Personal choice will also be curtailed. Plus merger will be an excuse to raise rates to pay for the merger, not increase efficiency. Samuel Reynoso Simi Valley, CA No. Sandy Zwick Yorba Linda, CA No,No No!!!! Do not allow these two to merge!! This will be terrible for California. Thank you for your time in reading my thoughts.

Diana Medina Mission Hills, CA No, to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Judith Hall Pacifica, CA No, no, no.

Deb Lanham

Saint Helena, CA

No, No, No!!! We do not want a one-company state where that monopoly can hold us all hostage to their price-fixing. You must not allow this monopoly. Do what is best for California consumers. Do NOT allow Comcast to take over Time Warner cable! Rhianna Miller Santa Rosa, CA No, no, no to this merger! It's a bad deal for the consumer!! linda filling Half Moon Bay, CA NO, I do not wish one large company to be in charge of my internet, cable, etc. Are we returning to the times of the Robber Barons? Sometimes I think so. SAY NO TO COMCAST!

Derick Rickenback Riverside, CA NO!.....Bad for America, Bad for California!

Noel Johansen Venice, CA No!! Jay Collins Santa Ana, CA No! Stop the monopolies.

Gary Gengler Anaheim, CA NO! We had Comcast at a past residence. Aside from lousy service, they overcharged for that lousy service. For that, Comcast should NOT be allowed to take over Times Warner, which currently provides reasonable prices and above average internet service.

Teri Bennett San Clemente, CA NO! Enough is enough. Moriah Barnes San Pablo, CA NO! Toni Lubofsky Rancho Palos Verdes, CA NO!

JOHN MARSHALL San Jose, CA NO! Steven Texada Bakersfield, CA NO!

John Lane Cathedral City, CA

NO WAY! I'm tired of Time Warner as it is and their "Take it or leave it" approach to internet and cable services. If Comcast get their way it will be a monopoly and they will charge whatever they like just like Time Warner as we'll have even less choice for TV and internet services. It's high time that MORE company's join in and let the competition begin! As you are aware from the Verizon's ad's, Time Warner's internet is "Half fast" and if you live in an area Verizon doesn't have FIOS your stuck with lovely Time Warner who, in a recent poll got LAST in customer satisfaction. I can't imagine what it would be if Comcast is allowed to merge! NO NO NO!

anne veraldi sf, CA no to the merger Joe Dempsky Antelope, CA NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger. Marlon Perez San Francisco, CA No to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Kim Hoffmann Burlingame, CA NO TO THE COMCAST TIME WARNER CABLE MERGER! Stop trying to control us Californians etc!!!! Dave Hanna Petaluma, CA NO TO THE COMCAST TIME WARNER CABLE MERGER

Marjorie Goody San Bruno, CA No to the Comcast merger Sylvia Flores Los Angeles, CA NO to monopolies. In the wake of the 1996 telecommunication act. Big telecom companies are committing many abuses that come with monopoly power. As a result big monopolies raise prices, edge out the competition, and disregard consumer protections. Tim Reynolds Encinitas, CA No to Comcast's monopolist practices!! Robert Anderson Roseville, CA NO to Comcast!

Walter Kaye San Diego, CA NO to Comcast we do not want this monopoly Larry Goodman Fremont, CA No to Comcast - Time Warner Cable merger! We need to have competition in the field. With this merger there will be no competition.

Wil Negrete North Hills, CA No to comcast Fabio Carpanini Alhambra, CA NO to BIG MEDIA ! Ronna Esbensen Citrus Heights, CA No to any corporation that wants to dominate the market. In this case the NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. We shouldn't even have to be paying for the already outrageous fees for our television services in the first place as far as I'm concerned. What a rip-off!! Zane Rhys Palm Srpings, CA

No single company should ever dominate a market. Current broadband and phone service is already a trademark 'lousy to intolerable' and a merger like this will leave Californians at the mercy of a single Corporation who, in the interest of MONEY and money only, can and will charge excessive fees with very little concern for quality services. They have no checks and balances. This is a VERY, VERY bad thing for California and should be stopped now.

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Laura Malven Santa Cruz, CA No one owns red

Joan Wehr Hayward, CA

No one company should dominate any business market. Please do not approve the takeover of Time Warner Cable by Comcast. There needs to be adequate competionn, not a dictatorship of what services the public should be able to access. Elaine Hill Sacramento, CA No No No to the Comcast Time Warner cable merger!!!!!!!!!!! sean mckenna carlsbad, CA No More RIPOFFS. These 2 companies have among the worst customer service reputations in the nation!!!!! Steve Tigerman Palm Springs, CA No more monopolistic deals for cable and Internet providers. Real competitive markets are the answer.

Debbie Peevyhouse San Jose, CA No more monopolies. Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

Joel Johnson Santa Cruz, CA No More monopolies.

Mary Lopez Citrus Heights, CA No more monopolies, keep cost fair to everyone...

 Dale McKenna Lompoc, CA No more monopolies! John DePasquale Stevenson Ranch, CA No more monopolies please!!

John DePasquale Stevenson Ranch, CA No more monopolies please!! FIRMILIAN ORMISTON CHICO, CA NO MORE MONOPOLIES !!!!!

renee stratton Chico, CA No more mega monopolies in the telecommunications industry. Sincerely, Renee Stratton 19 Noyo Court Chico, CA 95973 Caroline Burkett Chico, CA No more large takeovers of citizens right to communicate and free speech. Comcast Time Warner already have too much control over communications in this country. Centralized control kills Democracy. Haysha Gonzalez Huntington park, CA No more higher prices for cable of poor selection and quality,that has lots of flinches on weather conditions it's unfair and we demand a fair pricing. Ginger Mira Los Angeles, CA No more choice? Don't you see where this country is headed? Monopolies everywhere. Even your children and grandchildren won't have a choice - in anything. Kiss America goodbye!

Ann Miller San Mateo, CA No more bungling from Comcast! No more money for their greedy pockets!

Michael Moore Menlo Park, CA No monopoly control of the "airways"! Ada Sanchez San Francisco, CA no monopolies. Comcast isn't the best provider. It has its faults and its expensive. Offer Californian's a right to choose. Don't allow a company that needs major improvements to take over an industry. Carolyn Carollo Santa Rosa, CA No monopolies, Please! Competition keeps them trying. Suzanne Remien San Jose, CA No Monopolies!!!!!

Colleen Stanturf Davis, CA No monopolies! You two already have no-compete territories, let us continue to pretend we have a choice. Scott Warwick Monrovia, CA No monopolies! People in a democracy want freedom of choice, a free market and unbiased news media! Please protect democracy!

Gretchen Kenney Redwood City, CA No monopolies in California, PLEASE! The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is not in the best interests of the citizens of our great state. They should not be allowed to grow to a size where they will dominate the market. Please do the right thing and block this merger.

Walter Douglas San Bernardino, CA no monopolies Tabitha Maya Bakersfield, CA No monopolies Annette Bork Irvine, CA No merger, please.We need more choices, not fewer.

Tyler Price Davis, CA No merger! Stop the Comcast/Time Warner merger. It's bad for everyone! Leo Arciniega Anaheim, CA No Merger! We need innovation not consolidation. Cable service is already poor and way overpriced. I need more choices and better technology and not anything less. NO MERGER

Beatrice Nelson

Hayward, CA No merger between

No merger between Comcast Time Warner Cable! We need more smaller businesses that would provide competitive rates for Californian customers. Right now there is only At&t and Comcast for the Bayarea cable providers. There is really no choice. Prices are pretty much locked in for very high prices for cable, phones, and internet. Tessa Turner

Temecula, CA

no merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Comcast doesn't have any customer service...and Time Warner barely has any customer service. I can't imagine what customer service will be like if the merger happens. Bad deal for everyone in California Bernd Keine Orinda, CA

No Merger !!! Comcast's service is lousy and expensive enough already. We need more competition, not less. Please allow more companies to supply internet and TV, especially with at least coaxial cable or even better with fiber optics for higher speed. Thank you, Bernd Keine

#### Keith Beck Mountain House, CA

No mega mergers please due to monopolistic control of a segment of the market. No competition means high prices to the consumer and possible lower customer service.

### MANUEL ESPARZA

Santa Monica, CA No mega merger in California!!! Service will suffer if these giant corporations don't have any competition. NO!!!!

Rita Stanley Sacramento, CA No company should have a monopoly on their service(s), and that certainly includes COMCAST.

# Marybeth Little

Oroville, CA

No company deserves a monopoly that can serve to limit competition in any industry. If you are allowed to control all commerce in the telecom area, consumers will wind up paying more and getting less for their hard earned dollar. I do not want Comcast to take over Time-Warner. Please do not let that happens to the citizens of California. Gordon Snead Long Beach, CA NO Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger!!! Dana Timms San Diego, CA No Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!!!

Dave Driggs Walnut Creek, CA No Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! This would mean higher prices and horrible support!

Emily Waters Fairfield, CA No Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

Judy Liber San Pedro, CA NO COMCAST TIME WARNER ABLE MERGER! There is no such thing as a merger that ends up favoring any entity monetarily, except those companies that did the merging -- ESPECIALLY when it comes to TELECOMMUNICATIONS. Instead of a "merger,' it's really become a "monopoly," either locally, or worse, nationwide. That is what it's tantamount to. And we do not need ANY MORE MERGERS.

Cathy Goodrich Verdugo City, CA NO Comcast monopoly please. A monopoly is never good for the customers. marc chiang San Mateo, CA No as there is not enough competition. Claudia Tomaso Fairfax, CA no - stop the monopoly.

Crystal Chen San Leandro, CA NO Merager! NO more higher price and less services. Ahmad Alaadel Los gatos, CA No

Benjamin Medved Mountain View, CA Net .neutrality is the most important In freedom of expression. I like free ideas and free competition. Please support net-neutrality. Leslie Forth Cameron Park, CA

Neither Time Warner nor Comcast have stellar reputations in providing value for money and good customer service and the thought of them merging to achieve a monopoly position for cable service in California is obnoxious. This is certainly not in the public interest and I implore you to block this potential merger. John Tancredi

Menifee, CA

Neither of these two companies has a great reputation. Comcast has demonstrated contempt for its customers while it fills its coffers with over priced service. Time Warner's limited success comes from a virtual monopoly in local service. I personally cannot get TW, because they exclusively service the other side of town, My side of town is serviced by Mediacom. The point is there is already a lack of competition in the cable industry. To further restrict competition through this merger just doesn't make sense right now. Allow Comcast to repair its customer service reputation before even considering any merger.

Virginia Morris

Los Angeles, CA

-need to keep up the small news organizations, and keep diverse cable and internet server companies- and radio and tv outfits-pretty much the whole magilla- to get both independent news sources- (from various media)- and fair prices(!!)- for the radio,

Richard and Georgia Maher Rohnert Park, CA My wife and I had Comcast. Their service was terrible. We had to talk to someone in India who had no idea how to solve our problems. They are and arrogant, anticonsumer company. Please don't let them run roughshod over us. Thank you,

Roger Brown Sebastopol, CA NaN

Steven Stansbery

Woodland Hills, CA

My Time Warner Cable broadband has been slow and expensive as long as I have had it. The elimination of the possibility of even POTENTIAL competition will not improve cable broadband here. Just the HOPE of this merger caused Time Warner to double my broadband speed at no charge and then double it AGAIN with a free hardware upgrade. Let's see what more Time Warner can do WITHOUT the merger.

#### **Bill Hilton**

Sunnyvale, CA

My strongest objection to the proposed merger is control of programming, both TV and Internet. The oligopoly proposed will stifle competition in creating TV program creation and will limit the Internet access to those large companies that pay for the "fast lane." David Komisar Nevada City, CA My request is that the CA-PUC not allow the Comcast -Time Warner merger.

#### Linda Baumann Davis, CA

My husband and I are retired and are very dependent on the internet for everything from our news to banking. We have never watched T.V. and, by choice, are unable to access T.V.channels, either via an antenna nor a cable. However, we do watch movies through online access. People on a fixed income have a right to equal access to the internet. This technology must not be highjacked by "for profit" companies.

### Gary Duncan Salida, CA My family opposes this merger. We need competition by offering choices of service. We don't need one company dominating the cable market.

Dorothy J. Clazie

Daly City, CA

My experience with Comcast's poor customer service convinces me that the great merger would be unwise. My internet kept going off line; I requested a tech call, but never got one. My telephone never worked right; I requested a tech call, but never got one. When the TV went off and I received no service call, I decided to leave Comcast. Thank goodness there was one other company in my area!

# Barbara Cohn

Carlsbad, CA

My family already receives poor service and high prices from Time Warner. Reducing the minimal competiotn there is now in cable providers will only make it worse. I certainly DO NOT WANT Comcast as my provider as I have learned from firneds who have them that they are even worse. There are reasons for anti- monopolistic laws and regulations - to protect the average citizen from the tyranny of large companies. You have a responsibility to the citizens you represent not to large corporations. If you think otherwise you need to be removed from your positions and citizens like me are getting fed up enough to start using our system to do so.

Janet Blevins

Lompoc, CA

My experience with Comcast has not been good. This company charges more for fewer services by bundling and forcing a customer to keep services she doesn't want in order to save money. When I called to cancel my phone service at the end of the 12 month special rate, I was told that my monthly bill for cable and internet would rise significantly if I cancelled my landline. This may be a good business model but it is not good for consumers. I recently cancelled my cable TV and was promised a rate for phone and internet that is much lower than the price I continue to be charged. Comcast already has too much control over consumers in California and should not be allowed to merge with another large cable company. Consumers need protection from this merger. Sincerely, Janet Blevins 1007 D . <u>с</u>, т 

Harrison Clark Granite Bay, CA My experience with Comcast has been dismal. A lot of the problem is a company that is already simply too large to adapt to it's customer's needs. Jack Dunn

Lodi, CA

My experience with Comcast experience was extremely poor. Lack of service, poor reception, and rude personel. Communication acces should be a competitave enviroment, not one that puts the California citizens at risk.

Anne Flato Lafayette, CA My costs with Comcast just kept increasing, and now that I have an "up grade" my service is worse than ever.

### Ruth Kalter Novato, CA

My concern is how much worse would the high prices and terrible customer service become after such a merger? They will have even less incentive to actually provide good service to their customers if this goes through. Please do not allow this merger!

Scott Robinson

Sausalito, CA

My choices for net access are all via monopolies (ATT, Comcast) as it is. Please don't make matters worse by letting the existing monopolies discriminate against net traffic, too. Lisa Montague

Long Beach, CA

My cable/internet provider is bleeding me dry!!! Not to mention the extremely poor customer service! I feel that the more competition, the better for us consumers, so I am opposed to this merger. I do not want to see matters getting even worse than they already are. Scott Rader

Clovis, CA

My cable/internet bill has nearly doubled in the last few years, and I have not added any new channels or services. Please do not allow these mega monopolies to continue taking over what has become normal necessities for today's population and then continue to gouge them with no recourse. Michael Gamboa

Newport Beach, CA

My cable service with Time Warner is barely acceptable and can only get worse if this merger goes through. I will switch to satellite or ATT U-verse if this merger goes through. Americans need more choices, not less.

Daniel Curtis

San Jose, CA

My cable bill for TV & internet without premium channels or special packages is over \$100. It goes up every year one way or another without any changes in service on my part. I have not been able to negotiate any lowering. We need viable competition in all areas. there is no longer any need to have carved out territories. Thomas Schultz Vacaville, CA More competition or more regulation. My service has gotten worse since I bundled with Comcast. If they gobble up Time Warner it will get worse and it's hard to believe, but their customer service will probably get worse too.

Christopher Aycock San Francisco, CA More competition is what is needed in the cable and content provider industries, not less. Let's stop thinking about what is best for the companies and start thinking about what is best for the customers.

Paul Brobst San Mateo, CA More competition in the ISP market is needed, not less. Cherith Merson Fresno, CA Monopoly or near monopoly cannot ever be in the interest of the customers--not so long as the monopolizing business has a profit motive. We are already being overcharged for service--I can't imagine what will happen if there are even more limited choices. Please leave a free market (except for monopoly regulation) exist in California.

Amir Gholamipour Irvine, CA Monopoly of internet and cable providers are not in the best interest of Californians.

Nikos Efstathiou Dana Point, CA Monopoly it's the worst word to any democratic system! We have to work against any takeover of large media company try to take over another large one its against our rights and democratic values!

Patricia Wood Fair Oaks, CA Monopoly is not good. The Comcast service I have does not give service nor are there enough choices in my area.

Mark Bishop San Jose, CA Monopoly is not good for competition and is not good for consumers. Thank you for your consideration! Eva Suhr

Chico, CA

Monopoly is certainly not intended for the good of the people who already have quite a financial burden thrust upon them thanks to the financial speculators' ill gotten game we are still trying to get out from under. Why should the rich be allowed to continue to get richer and the middle class and the poor get ever poorer? Is the country regressing to "the good old days" when the trusts ruled supreme or are we not trying to keep a sound democracy going? I hope we are!
Morgan Kanae Hanford, CA Monopoly in Ca? That's insane. We need a competitive market! Sincerely, Morgan Kanae Hanford, Ca Edwina White Sacramento, CA Monopoly has been shown time and again to be unhealthy for consumers, for the economy, and for democracy.

Diana Hamilton South Lake Tahoe, CA Monopoly & de-regulation must be controlled to protect consumers from "profits before people". We consumers depend on government agencies to protect us from powerful businesses taking away our choices and prices setting &/or price gouging. Please, please, protect us!

Mark Wallace San Diego, CA Monopolies, or attempts at monopolies, are not good either for American business or American consumers, and they restrict legitimate competition. Please reject the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Louisa Stone OAKLAND, CA Monopolies kill off our democracy! Christy Bulskov Encinitas, CA Monopolies are un-American! Maintain a fair marketplace and protect your consumers. Michael O'Hara Elk Grove, CA Monopolies are the opposite ideal of the capitalist system the U.S. was founded on. They prevent the natural competition of two or more entities vying for the consumers' business. With no competition a company had no incentive to provide ever increasing quality service or improve technology and no reason to keep prices reasonable.

Diane Harper Long Beach, CA Monopolies are supposed to be against the law. PUC must stop this merger to protect Califonians.

Steven Tupper Berkeley, CA Monopolies are still a really bad idea. Comcast wants to own the California market. Just say no. Chance Rearden West Hollywood, CA Monopolies are only good when it comes to board games. This proposed merger is not in the best interest of Californians, it is only good for Comcast. Please oppose this merger for all of the people of California. Thank you

Adrienne Philpart Oakland, CA Monopolies are never good. You either make services like cable and the internet a public utility or protect them in the free market. Keep the market free and level.

# kristy andres

Oakland, CA

Monopolies are never a good idea. Even with the current competition Cable companies face, pricing for regular cable is outrageous. If Comcast is allowed to take over the market, we can bet we'll see skyrocketing prices, the end of net neutrality, increasingly bad service. John Bradfield San Francisco, CA Monopolies are just plain wrong and un-American. If this merger goes through, most of us will be at the mercy of one greedy corporation. Manuel Rosales Los Angeles, CA Monopolies are bad for the consumer. Cable service is a utility and should not gouge the consumers. Stop the merger

Patricia Manney Malibu, CA Monopolies are bad for everyone except the monopoly. Stop this merger!

Matthew Johnson Anaheim, CA Monopolies are bad for consumers.

Lindie Black San jose, CA Monopolies are bad for consumers. Kathryn Coll San Jose, CA Monopolies are anti-democracy. They do not belong here. Judith Ruettgers Bakersfield, CA Monopolies are a bad thing for all but the controlling company. Why would we want this merge? Stop this now before it is too late. My and my husband's vote is no to this merger

Carly Mihalakis Berkeley, CA ministry of Information.

Victoria Kempf Escondido, CA Millions of people have been saying they do not like this merging and yet you still continue to ignore us. Please listen to what people have to say. We do not want Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable. Eric Siegmann Westminster, CA Merging with Comcast will mean even worse service and higher costs than I have now. Please say NO to this merger and at keep at least some semblance of competition by preventing one company form ruling the entire market.

#### Al Chase

San Francisco, CA

Merging Comcast and Time-Warner, two companies with lousy reputations for hiking prices and delivering poor service, will not benefit Californians. That merger would reduce competition between service providers so prices would go up. The merger would reduce the scope of news and political information, both of which are vital to a democracy, available to TV watchers in California. For those and many other sound reasons, please block the proposed Comcast Time-Warner merger.

Julian Yerena Jr Parlier, CA Mergers reduce competition and are terrible for consumers! No to the Time Warner Cable merger! darrel schultz Camarillo, CA Mergers of this type always result in higher costs to consumers. Please vote No to this merger. Jonathan Bailin Los Angeles, CA Mergers of this size are bad for our democracy for a long list of reasons.

### Kris Muller

Berkeley, CA

Mergers of telecommunications companies are leaving fewer options for Americans in general and Californians in particular. I don't want a mega-COMCAST to be in a position to bully the market even more. As it is, I have only 2 choices other than to try to get some programs by antenna. Mary Griffin Sun Valley, CA Mergers like this create less of a competitive market and reduces consumer protection. This merger is in the best interests of two entities, Comcast and Time Warner only, and at the expense of the consumer.

Harold Raphael Santa Cruz, CA Mergers like these are never in consumers best interests

# Roberta Chan

Gualala, CA

Merger of Time Warner & Comcast would only cause all that's bad with Comcast to become exponentially worse. I avoid using Comcast as my cable provider because of their ever-increasing high prices & history of abysmal customer service. Should Comcast merge with Time Warner I'll be denied choice & good service. Saran Kirschbaum Los Angeles, CA Merger is not in our interest only Compast's. Randy Kliewer Auburn, CA Media consolidation is bad for consumers and democracy. We need more voices, not fewer.

Dr and Mrs Phil and Lynn Fischer Alamo, CA Maybe after this merger, Comcast will buy the PUC (as well as the FCC). Philip Spiro Mountain View, CA Massively anti-consumer. This is a no-brainer for any agency that takes its mandate seriously.

Robert DeMaio Los Angeles, CA Making these cable giants even bigger is absurd and stifles what minuscule competition (if any) there is in the market currently. Stop this merger.

David Littler West Hollywood, CA Look guys, Time-Warner is bad enough as it is, please don't made cable worse! Linda Boyle Redding, CA Living in Redding, Calif, I understand that Comcast may possibly take over our city's lease-agreement, that is currently being provided by Charter, as early as next year for services. I have relatives living in other communities in Calif who have Comcast services and they are NOT happy with the services they receive and the higher prices they must pay. So please keep Comcast out of our community!

Garrett Dangerfield Palm Springs, CA

Letting the merger go through will reduce consumer choice and produce a less conducive environment for customer happiness. Additionally, letting Comcast own that much of the media market in the country will hinder democracy.

### C Hayes

Sierra City, CA

Lets see, big business vs people? This merger of one big business taking over another is one thing. But when it affects the lives of people in California the way this will you must not allow it to go through. Please protect the interests of the people by voting against this very bad merger of power. This kind of power corrupts. Stop corruption.

Nathan Vogel San Francisco, CA Lets keep things fair... Monopolies are not good for the people.

### JOHN VIGIL

### Poway, CA

Let's get these bloodsuckers out of the picture and get done what is fair and what the people deserve: a fair deal! Too long those with the wealth/power have dictated policies, mergers. and business designed to aid themselves and screw the rest of us. Remember radio's (or what REAL history tells us) story? NOT many minutes of advertising and a few of story; where would Orson Welles' place in history be if folks had "switched the channel?"

Steve Stock San Diego, CA Let's do something positive for the citizens of California! Tell Comcast No on the proposed merger with TWC. Steven Hernandez Long Beach, CA Let there be no more consolidation of businesses that subsequently takes away alternative options of consumers. James Piechota San Francisco, CA Let Californians have an actual choice when deciding who supplies their home entertainment options. Comcast raises their prices yearly, yet the quality of their products and services remain subpar along with their customer service quality. PLEASE defeat this merger!!

Joseph Davenport Irvine, CA Less competition, higher prices, and worse service is not the solution. Please do what's right for consumers. Laureen McCoy La Crescenta, CA Less competion is never a good idea for the consumer. Please say no to the Comcast Warner cable merger.

# William Eckert

### Paso Robles, CA

Large corporations like Comcast talk the good talk about competition and how it's good for business at the same time as they expend all their efforts at buying up the competition to eliminate it and increasingly make it more difficult for any competition to gain a foothold. This merger is bad for consumers and bad for the disappearing competition. All that will effectively remain is one Monopoly with no choice for the consumer but to submit to its ridiculous high prices for poor and inferior service or nothing. I oppose this merger and in the interests of the citizens of California, you need to as well. Thank you.

#### Jeffery Smith

#### Orinda, CA

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am emphatically opposed to the merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We have been customers of Comcast here in northern California since Comcast took over our cable service in 2002 (from the previous provider); our experience is for as long as Comcast has provided service to our market. Comcast's prices have risen every year, often more often than that, as rates increase at far greater rate than the cost of inflation and far more increases than for any other utility from which we obtain service. Comcast's internet service has been slower than speeds available in other markets - until recently - now that Comcast wishes to obtain approval to merge with Time Warner Cable. Speeds have increased with no assurance the cost will not increase if the merger is approved. We have <u>~ 11 ·</u>

Armando A. Garcia Paramount, CA Ladies and Gentlemen, I am fed-up with the very high prices, poor customer service, and lousy service for phone and broadband services, please do not allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner. It's a bad idea to allow Comcast to control California's market; this merger will NOT benefit me. Thank you for your time, consideration, and cooperation.

Roxanne Davis San Jose, CA Lack of competition is definitely damaging our quality of life.

Charles Bruhn Simi Valley, CA Lack of competition has already allowed Time Warner to get away with poor service and higher than necessary pricing. Allowing Comcast to buy them will make that worse.

Roger Batchelder San Diego, CA Knock it off already! Quadopoly->Duopoly->Monopoly

James Spellman Santa Barbara, CA Keep these guys from gaining a monopoly on our services !

Leslie Gould San Anselmo, CA Keep the airwaves, etc, free & equal! Samuel Durkin Fairfield, CA Keep prices competitive - no merger! Kelley Akin San Francisco, CA

Keep control of the internet out of the hands of greedy corporate interests. Internet and cable service in the SF Bay Area is already horrible and expensive - this will only make the monopoly worse! Please reject this merger!

Michael Blanos San Francisco, CA Keep Comcast in its place. Competition for them is as good as it is for the consumer. The already-largest, does not need to become larger. Do you enjoy less choices? Outrageous service fees, paired with agonizing and pathetic customer (dis) service? Just say NO.

Renee Nelson Bakersfield, CA Just say no!

Fernando Valcarcel Manteca, CA Just say no! Tom Venus Chico, CA Just say NO! Kathryn Mazaika San Francisco, CA Just say No to the merger of Comcast and Time Warner in California. Teresa McBride Mountain Ranch, CA I've only heard my friends complain about Comcast service, never have I heard anyone speaking happily about it. Anytime you allow a monopoly to any company, customer service will deteriorate and prices will go up. Please say NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Thank you.

Gary Herron Grass Valley, CA I've heard the customer horror stories. Please do what's right for Californians and not bow to some soulless corporation. Jeff Waite Mountain View, CA I've had such bad experiences with Comcast in the past, this will only give them less incentive to serve the customer.

Nancy Leer San Andreas, CA I've had Comcast for a little under a 2 years and will probably switch to something else when my contract is over. I hope there will be choice to make at that time.

Leonard Chandler San Jose, CA I've had Comcast cable. They kept raising their rates, and took way too long to correct billing errors! Pia Mantovani-Sud

San Diego, CA

I've been a customer of Time Warner Cable for 16 years and I'm very much worried, that the service they they'll provide with a merger with Comcast will be even worst than it is now. I'm also worried that without competition this merge would create a huge monopoly situation in California and the rest of the nation. For this reasons, I ask you to turn down this merger. Thanks Richard Edgar Sacramento, CA

I've been a Comcast internet customer for about ten years, not by choice but because they have a high speed MONOPOLY in my area. Customer service was, at best, marginal now that their agents are in a foreign country it's impossible to get reliable help. Also, I'm forced to pay for basic TV I don't use. MONOPOLY is why AT&T was dismantled.

Gail MacLeish San Ramon, CA It's very important that you say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Michael Sanchez Los Angeles, CA It's time to take away cable monopolies just like we did with phones. Let's leave the 1800s and 1900s in the past already please.

Randall Phillips Santa Ana, CA It's time to realize that money isn't everything. It's amazing to me how these big corporations dick the little guy every time they can.

Joel Benford San Jose, CA It's just really bad news. Period.

### Mona Locke

Napa, CA

It's incredible that the California PUC would even consider approving this merger when everyone in the United States is aware of what a disastrous monopoly this would create! This proposed merger offers not one iota of benefit to Californians--only more and more profit to two giant corporations. As citizens and voters we are well aware of the insatiable greed of American corporations today, but what is the excuse of an entity such as the Public Utilities Corporation? There is not one single reason to approve this merger, but many to reject it in all its greedy aspects.

Graydon Calder San Diego, CA It's hard to imagine how the merger of two companies with lousy service and ridiculous prices could benefit consumers. Please stop the merger

### Robert Snyder

San Juan Capistrano, CA

It's hard to imagine how combining two companies with lousy reputations for hiking prices and delivering poor service could possibly benefit Californians. Please say "NO" to the Comcast/ Time Warner Cable merger that only benefits soulless corporations and is detrimental to the people of California. Thank you. Stephanie Dark Walnut Creek, CA It's hard to imagine how combining two companies with lousy reputations for hiking prices and delivering poor service could possibly benefit Californians.

## **Delores** Pickle

San Diego, CA

It's bad enough when the basic channels has a channel taken away,which has the good movies. I'd rather go back to the channel box (which I call the zip box) It had many channels that had many programs of interest. NOW, we have the basics of not so much to choose from and costs more. With this new company, it will probably cost us an ARM & A LEG. I say "NO" to Comcast.. Eric Eastwood

#### Oakland, CA

It's bad enough when consumers lose options due to circumstances, as in cases where they are unable to select satellite programming due to code or lease agreement restrictions. When giant megacorps squeeze smaller (and possibly better in terms of pricing, service or quality) businesses out of entre regions, choices are even fewer. Please hear the pleas of the consumers, and do not allow the merger if Concast and Time Warner Cable. It's been said that they aren't in competing markets for the most part, so the public shouldn't worry. That is exactly the point-- take two companies that hold dominance over different parts of the country and merge them. The result will be less options and quality, and more money for already bloated and unsatisfactory businesses. Please say no. Thank you! Richard Pollastrni Fairfield, CA It's bad enough we are forced to pay for channels we can't possibly use and in reality have no other options. How can you possibly justify a conglomerate that will be autonomous and beholden to no one.

Bruce Appel La Jolla, CA It's axiomatic that less competition means higher prices, whether it relates to airlines or to cable networks. Please think of consumers and vote NO>

Jill Morgan Menlo Park, CA It's a terrible idea to let one company dominate the cable market in California. Please vote in the interests of California's citizens. Ronald Maxson L.A., CA It was reported in today's Los Angeles Times business section that under mergers like this consumers more often fare less well.

Nelson Der Rancho Palos Verdes, CA It should be regulated like a public utility and we should have net neutrality. Joanne Bradley Nipomo, CA It may go against the CPUC's credo, but, for once, just say NO to a utility company Bonnie Margay Burke San Diego, CA It is your responsibility to break up this monopoly before it starts.

# ROBERT PHILBROOK

#### MODESTO, CA

It is tough enough to find competition in CA now. I have COMCAST but when they keep screwing up I think about going back to DISH. I don't think this merger is a good Idea. Douglas Snyder

Laguna Beach, CA

It is wrong for a cable company to have a monopoly on a geographic area. As a consumer I should have multiple cable companies vying for my business. Having less cable companies is definitely not the answer. I urge you to block the Comcast Time Warner merger and open all cable markets to multiple providers.

Christopher Brez Fresno, CA

It is too late for me, I live in an area where there only comcast is available as a cable provider. I've been a victim of their terrible customer service and their terrible pricing that requires you to constantly call and threaten to cancel to be treated with an iota of decency. When I originally moved and set up comcast, I purchased my own cable modem so I wouldn't be on the hook for the rental charge each month. When the tech tried to register my modem he said they couldn't register it because it was "too new" and the MAC address was not in their database. What a joke. I also have dealt with ever increasing monthly charges and outages. Like I said, it is too late for me. But it is not too late for other parts of California. Say NO to the Comcast Time warner merger.

### Karl Darr

### Santa Clara, CA

It is time our government step up to protect the people it is here to serve, instead of serving only the corporations that pay to elect our officials. Comcast taking over Time Warner Cable just gets one step closer to a monopoly with higher prices and less choice for Californians. Please stop this merger in its tracks. Thank you, Karl Darr 3311 Tracy Dr. Santa Clara, CA 9505

### Rudy Crespo

### San Jose, CA

It is time for the consumers of California to be well represented on this very important topic. Comcast is already too big and our choices way too limited. Comcast should not be allowed to achieve a monopoly relating to internet service alternatives.

### Edward Casper

# Monterey, CA

It is odd that with smaller, lighter fiber optic bundled communication lines, we still only have access to one cable company in California's towns and cities. Even worse, we still do not know how to manage monopolies with incentives for service improvement with cost reduction. In the cable TV industry, costs should be retreating, and options increasing to where we have gigabit ethernet speeds. Instead we are discussing a merger with two of the top cable companies, dominated by one with poor service and even poorer options to its customers. This is not a difficult decision. It is not even close to being one. Not only should the Comcast-Time Warner merger be dismissed, Comcast should be given incentives to improve their offerings and support or denied access to most California municipalities.

David Marchant Sylmar, CA It is not right. It is not wise. It is not the best for the consumer.

Carol Morrison

Costa Mesa, CA

It is not in the public's best interests to allow Comcast and Time Warner to merge. Our rates are already too high and will only increase when there is no competition. I urge you to disapprove this merger. jesse hunter

Sebastopol, CA

It is not in the public's best interest to concentrate media in fewer hands. You know this but too often allow your wisdom to be overridden by personal greed or fear. Stop it!

### William Morris

Moraga, CA

It is not in the best interests of customers to allow Comcast and Time Warner cable providers, which are already at the bottom of customer service surveys, to merge into one company. The merger would allow Comcast to have a near-monopoly over California. Please do not allow this merger. Eric Rader Manteca, CA It is not in the best interest of the ordinary citizen who wants low price and choice. Rosemary Howley Oakland, CA It is not in the best interest of Californians to allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable. I urge you to use your authority to block this proposed merger. Diane Turnbaugh Orange, CA

It is never a good idea for any one company to have so much power over a territory or industry. A diversified marketplace creates better pricing and service for customers. If this merger takes place I fear we are on our way to a dangerous situation. I see no way that this benefit me - the consumer. Stop the merger!!! Please!!

E. Scott San Diego, CA It is important to say NO to this merger. When you have no choices, you have to pay whatever they want. It is not good policy and not good for the citizens.

Jean Long San Rafael, CA It is important to prevent Comcast acquiring Time Warner to allow some competition in the industry!

Irene Bean

Carmichael, CA

It is important to have choice in how we can access information and entertainment. Monopolies were outlawed early in the last century but someone dropped the ball and we are being unfaily forced to live under their influences again. Please do your job to give Americans a choice again. Rick Raybin Redwood City, CA It is imagine how much worse they'll behave if you allow them to reduce the competition they have to face. Protect us.

### Bruce Cohen

San Marcos, CA

It is essential that we maintain adequate competition in California. The choices are already so few and there is already insufficient consumer leverage as a result. Do NOT make this worse. Charles Little

Fairfax, CA

It is certainly not in my interest, or the interest of any TV watching Californian, to allow Comcast take over Time Warner. Even now there is no competition between the providers and our rates are outrages. With those two combined it will be even worse. So, please block the merger.

### Robert Dotts

Riverside, CA

It is bad enough having these monopolies controlling our communications networks, but having Comcast taking over is unspeakable. This organization has the worst reputation in the nation for shoddy business practices and high prices. Yet, because of the lack of competition, evidently do not feel any need to change their practices. Do NOT allow this merger to take place!!!!!!

### Christopher Brown

San Francisco, CA

It is an outright travesty that I live in one of the most connected cities in America and my only real choice for high speed internet is Comcast (or Xfinity or whatever they're calling themselves these days). Please do not allow the choice to become even less with the Time Werner Comcast merger.

#### Bruce Bienenstock

San Carlos, CA

It is an outrage that one company can control our market here in California. Without competition our prices will go up, the service will deteriorate and the customer service, which is already poor, will become abysmal. This must be prevented. Fernando Romero

Valley Springs, CA

It is a truism that "bullies do not play fair." I recently moved and wanted internet access. Simply, I was told that we could not get internet without subscribing to cable TV services. Basically, in our household we watch one station 80% of the time and use internet to watch a variety of other programs available on-line. We had to subscribe to their service to get what we wanted. This is how Comcast does business and a merger will only give them permission to continue their bullying behavior towards consumers. Another lesser known truism, "bigger is not better." Richard Hua San Mateo, CA It is a terrible idea to allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable. Comcast is already known far and wide for it's terrible service and high rates. TWC is not much better. Competition is one of the only things that keeps them in check. Don't allow them to become even more powerful and hurt California cable viewers even more! Thank you.

Guadalupe Makasyuk Mountain View, CA

It has been painful to see that in the past two years my rate when from 14.99 to 19 to 24, 28, 39, and recently 39. No package or special offer, just the surprise and impotent shock every 3 or six months. We have no option and we are at their mercy. Please stop this!

Larry Duvall Lawndale, CA It appears to me that this merger violates federal antitrust and anti-monopoly laws. You CANNOT allow them to become the only game in town.

nancy szymczak Carlsbad, CA Isn't this called a monopoly?

Yanal Mash

San Ramon, CA

Is there no end to your greed? we are humans just like you. treat us the way you would want to be treated. Money is important, but community is much much much more important. Be a part of the community, don't make the community hate you, and you will thrive! Pascal Kouromenos Berkeley, CA Is not nessacary

### Jim Everett

#### Los Angeles, CA

Internet, TV, and phone are the lifeblood of most citizens these days. People deserve a good service, fairly priced, and kept in check by market forces and competition as much as the FCC. The Comcast takeover would create a monopoly that would ride roughshod over people's services. This kind of monopoly is akin to the kind of marketplace that thrives in a totalitarian communist state like China. Is that what we want for our people in the beacon of democracy, and cradle of marketplace competition and balanced capitalism? NO!

#### John Sugar

### Sacramento, CA

Internet service providers have avoided treatment as a public utility, even though the characteristics of their service promote near monopoly service. While Comcast does not directly compete with Time-Warner in service territories (even oligopolists can cooperate), if their merger occurs, that will create an even larger member of the internet service oligopoly, putting future potential competitors at a greater disadvantage. This also puts internet content providers at a greater disadvantage in dealing with communications providers, and reduces any incentives to provide better, more economical service. Given the lack of regulation under which these firms operate, I encourage the CPUC to publicly express opposition to the proposed Comcast-Time Warner merger.

### Robert Strickland

#### San Jose, CA

Internet issues that could arise from this merger WILL AFFECT BUSINESSES IN CALIFORNIA. Please protect our state's ability to compete in business. The loss of revenue if businesses leave California or are damaged in some way will include state income tax and sales tax, for example. Our state's small and large businesses are already struggling. Without affordable, reliable, competitive Internet infrastructure, why would ANY business locate in California in the future? Take care of the business community, and they can continue to provide jobs and tax revenue. Mary Hanselmann Monterey, CA Internet should stay neutral. Stop bowing to corporate interests.

### M James Azusa, CA Internet neutrality - as it was meant to be No merger!!!!!

### Stephanie Tidwell

### Oakland, CA

Internet and cable companies are already making astronomical profits off of the high rates that are enabled by a lack of competition. Further consolidation of providers is a HORRIBLE plan. When I moved to my current home, research for internet providers quickly revealed that my neighborhood was not eligible for many of the 'deals' offered. My choices were AT&T and Comcast, AND the rates were higher than what was advertised on their websites. Please don't make a bad situation worse by allowing this merger. Bill Piercy San Francisco, CA Instead of merging into one giant octopus, it would better for society to break these two giants into a bunch of competitive little fish.

#### M E Miller Santa Clara, CA

Instead of decreasing the options for cable subscribers, the PUC should be working to increase them. For over a decade, Comcast has had a full and complete monopoly on cable service in my area. Perhaps not by coincidence, the monthly price has climbed steadily. There is no competitor to whom I could give my business, though I have certainly wanted to do so.

#### Thomas Rogers

## El Cerrito, CA

Instead of allowing for a larger company you should be allowing more competition through policy changes, etc. When you look around the world we pay more for less speed, etc. And now you'd consider a proposal for more of the same with an even larger, harder to compete against corporation. States, cities, should have many options for high speed fiber optic service -- it's the future and one or two companies shouldn't be allowed to own the market because you allow them to control the market. It's not consumer friendly and certainly not what you publicly hold your mandate to be -- serving the people of California - not the financial of a single company, one that's not in any need of public gifts.

Karen Bennett Portola Valley, CA Individuals will NOT benefit from this corporate monopoly. Competition is healthy; monopolies are not. PLEASE do not allow this merger to take place!

Andrew Stevenson VALLEJO, CA In the realm of reasonable, this is not.

### Yukon Ma

Mountain view, CA

In some areas, Comcast is the only available high speed Internet service. Comcast has never been shy about pushing expensive add ons, rental equipment, and initial rates that start low for new customers but then go up. Please help keep prices for essential services like Internet access affordable - please vote to block the Comcast merger. Michael Balistreri Pacifica, CA In San Francisco we already don't seem to have any alternative left. A monopoly like this is unfair. Ann Adams Paradise, CA

In order to get the channels I want from Comcast I HAVE to sign up for the Sports Pkg. I don't watch any sports nor do I like them. I don't like being forced into their pigeon holes in order to get what I want. And the prices are exorbitant.

David Kerr Berkeley, CA In Northern California we already have few options in internet service. Please do not approve the merger of Comcast and Time Warner, we need more competition, not less.

Byron Jonk Fort Bragg, CA in no time at all ours bills will be higher

Nancy Mugridge

Los Alamitos, CA

In my travels, I've been unhappy with my experience with Comcast and my experience with TimeWarner in CA. has been the least good of the service providers that I've had in CA. I'm afraid that combining these two companies would worsen service for all concerned. When there is only one provider available, we are a captive market, which never works well. Richard Zeren

Portola Valley, CA

In it's role of protecting consumers, I expect the CPUC to reject the merger of Comcast and Time-Warner. The merger would effectively create a monstrous \_\_monopoly\_\_ in cable TV, internet access, and VOIP telephone. Even nominally competing VOIP phone companies would be subject to monopoly pricing on their customers' internet access. I can see NO public benefit to such a combination, since these companies can and do set prices with no oversight. Their investment in infrastructure have long been recovered based on commercial capital investment criteria. Their argument that IT would have greater power in negotiating with providers is specious: they already have huge advantage over all but the largest and most popular content providers (Disney, ESPN,...), and .1

### William Schoene

Santa Monica, CA

In general cable TV customer experience has been that the larger their cable provider, the poorer their customer experience has been. Cable providers are governmentregulated monopolies by necessity. The larger they get, though, the more their monopolist aspects dominate their operations and outlook, and this is not good for their customers or the public interest.

## Clifford HELD Grand Terrace, CA

In CA an enoromous amount of the state will be monopolized by this merger. You can stop this from happening. Please stop this from happening.

### Shelby Brock

Mill Valley, CA

I'm tired of Comcast dominating the cable industry and want to have a choice of who I use. Their customer service is terrible and will continue to be if there is no competition.

### Kathleen O'Connell Berkeley, CA I'm tired and ill, and can't remember the names of all the laws I would like to quote, but isn't this proposed merger likely to contravene, or sail dangerously close to the wind of contravening, various things we have on the books strictly forbidding the creation of monopolies?

## Mary Ann Skweres

Wrightwood, CA

I'm sick of the high prices and lousy service from Time Warner or Comcast. Letting either one of these companies monopolize the market in California will only make things worse. This merger is a bad thing for Californian consumers

# George Cagley

San Jose, CA

I'm sick of high prices that continue to escalate year after year. I'm also sick of having to purchase expensive packages to get the 10 - 15 channels I want to watch. The larger these ISP's are allowed to get and the less competition they have, the more leverage they have to aggressively raise prices.

#### Laura Sakoi

#### Sacramento, CA

I'm sick of Comcast's lies (they train their unscrupulous, so-called customer service reps to lie just to make the sale). The customer service is rotten!! They don't give a shit if you decide to leave, because they're making so much money screwing everybody else. They know they've got your poor, elderly mother by the throat. She can't afford it when their inticing come-on prices revert to the regular inflated rip-off price, but she loves her tv, so she puts up with it. This is why they are such a friggen rip-off, because they know Americans will keep putting up with this shit. Constantly raising their prices and screwing people is how they've been able to reach the level that they have. The ability to dominate and monopolize the cable market.

JoAnn DePiano San Diego, CA I'm saying NO to the Comcast/Tme Warner Merger. Time Warner is already awful, I can't imagine what a bigger company would bring. No - No - No

Gilbert Blount San Clemente, CA I'm really serious about this. You need to stop this merger. It's monopolistic and in every way bad for the American consumer. Thank you. Daniel Slomoff Mill Valley, CA

I'm quite clear that after years of subjugation to the monopoly of Comcast, it might be the only way for a cable company to operate, but it isn't the best for the consumer. Keep your eyes on the power of monopolies and say no to this merger.

#### Jesse Jong

#### San Francisco, CA

I'm not sure that we can stop a merger, however we would be able to cause this issue to dissolve by simply limiting how Comcast may conduct themselves toward their clients. Comcast, to me, has been around for the last 20 years, they are a large company without many needs for clients, they pretty much have a monopoly on cable service just like PGE has a monopoly on energy services. Comcast's service is often terrible, overpriced, and unuseful. I have had such little use for the television programming that I cancelled it. However, during my cancellation, I went through approximately 6 months of strife with Comcast as they consistently messed up my bill, added services that were never requested, and "forgot" to remove services that were previously cancelled. Therefore, this type of conduct 1 / 1 1 110 1 1 1 1 / 1

John Gunther

### Solana Beach, CA

I'm fortunate to be able to have Cox instead of Time Warner, which also services our area. I've been unhappy with TW in the past and even MORE unhappy with Comcast when I've spent time in Indiana, where Comcast is the only cable service available. Instead of allowing Comcast to monopolize, we need more choices to encourage better pricing and service. Dean Hicks Dublin, CA

I'm currently in a 2 year contract with Comcast at a set price each month, every month I get my bill and it keeps increasing when I call they say it's due to the fluctuating tax rates which I find stupid, originally from Canada never heard a pile of crap like that in Canada. Victoria Peirotes Berkeley, CA

I'm an old (69) idiot. I have subscribed to Comcast triple play for many years but service has systemically deteriorated and the price for packages has increased exponentially. If one wants to address Comcast to help find an appropriate and individual bundle ... well good luck! I've had charges for 3 years for "line help" and finally got someone local here to troubleshoot all 3 systems. The local people are fine but obviously constrained at the top with what can/can't do. Solution for me? To reset their outputs, 3 times. No change out of any old equipment. Should Comcast monopolize all of California it would be a disaster. For me/ Looking at alternatives to Comcast. Don't squelch those.

### Ben Hekster

Fremont, CA

I'm already paying an exorbitant amount for Internet connectivity from one of the parties in the proposed merger; I'm concerned that if the merger were to go through that by reducing competition there would be no incentive for the other party to extend coverage to my area, and thereby cause prices to rise even higher. I feel that the merger will \*not\* be of benefit to the public. Monte Hill Richmond, CA I'm all for the Comcast Merger! Comcast represents the only alternative point of view in the market place. Please authorize the merger!

Curtiss Chelin San Francisco, CA I'm against monopolies. They cost consumers money and present fewer choices. Curt Chelin Barbara Gannon-Zachary
Laguna Niguel, CA
I'm against Comcast taking over Time Warner Cable. I
believe that this merger would have a negative impact
on my choices.i also think that with less competition in
this market that the quality of service would suffer and

the costs would rise.

Millicent Moritz Santa Clara, CA I'm against Comcast taking over Time Warner Cable because it would become a monopoly. Unless competition remains, Comcast would have no incentive to provide better service to its customers.

Harald Conradi Los Angeles, CA I'm a TWC customer. Do not allow the merger. We need MORE competition.

#### Laura Strom

Los Angeles, CA

I'm a Time Warner customer, and I don't want them merging with Comcast. That will mean even less competition and less incentive for them to improve services in order to compete. Plus, as I've seen on the internet, Comcast, to put it bluntly, sucks. Look no further than the online audio of a Comcast employee bullying a customer who was trying to discontinue his service for proof of this. Tim Donovan Aptos, CA I'm a Comcast customer who would love to get off them. We need more competition, not less! Stop this merger and do what you can to increase consumer choice!

Curtis Anderson Saratoga, CA

I'm a Comcast customer for both TV and Internet, and I pay them what I think is way too much for the service I'm receiving. Allowing the merger of Comcast and TimeWarner can only increase their power and reduce my choices. The only way we're going to get lower prices and better service is more competition, not less. This is a step in the wrong direction.

Diane McLaughlin Culver City, CA I'll abandon my cable service if Comcast takes over. Charlie K San Francisco, CA

If you really do not know how badly Comcast treats consumers, Google: Comcast service. Please do not make it worse by removing yet another Comcast competitor.

Bo Svensson Santa Rosa, CA If you have any children or grandchildren, do something that they can be proud of you for! Stop the monopolization of corporate power in this country!! You are in a powerful position right now to have an enormous impact. USE IT!!!

#### J Toyoshima San Jose, CA

If you look up the definition of "monopoly" there are a couple that appear to apply to the proposed takeover of Time Warner by Comcast--"exclusive control of a commodity or service in a -particular market, or a control that makes possible the manipulation of prices" and "an exclusive privilege to carry on a business, traffic, or service, granted by a government." If I remember my U.S. history correctly, we have antimonopoly laws because it was felt a monopoly was not in the best interest of the citizens of the United States. To allow such a merger proposed between Comcast and Time Warner seems to me to create a monopoly that is not in the best interest of the citizens who will be affected. At my current place of residence, I have limited choices for cable or Internet service. I have NOT 1 **1** / **0** TC 1/1

Linnea Fronce & thomas Hall Sacramento, CA IF WE KEEP ALLOWING ALL THESE MERGERS, OUR COUNTRY WILL BE OWNED BY ONLY ONE COMPANY IN EVERY FIELD. THEN MAYBE ONLY ONE. CITIZENS ARE ONLY SAFE WHEN THERE ARE LOTS OF SMALLER COMPANIES AND LOTS OF CHOICES. NO COMPETITION ALWAYS MEANS LESS SERVICE AND NO CHOICES.

### Marilyn A Moore

Long Beach, CA

If this were just about charging more to customers who use enormous amounts of bandwidth, that would be okay. But it will also involve favoring big customers with fast internet service at the expense of the rest of us. Most of my causes contact me through email and I don't want to see their services slowed down or cut back.

El Cajon, CA If the takeover happens we all have to pay more. We pay enough already. We need more competition to bring the prices down not up.

Laura Spirz

Leland Sisk Garden Grove, CA

If the PUC were to allow this merger/acquisition to be completed, then for all intents and purposes you would be giving your blessing to a monopoly. It is my sincerest wish that this deal be quashed and not allowed to go forward. Sincerely, Leland R. Sisk Thomas Barbaro Saratoga, CA If the Comcast Time Warner merger is approved that means Comcast will eliminate their major competition. That would be bad enough without Comcast's reputation but with it this merger is a very bad idea!

Larry Consentino Hacienda Heights, CA If it is not broke don't fix it .Direct TV and Time Warner has done excellent job. Comcast has bad record for customer service. Oliver Seely

Lakewood, CA

If even one of the two communication companies offered exemplary service we might hope that the business model of the better of the two would rub off on the other, but that is not the case. My experience with both companies shows each to charge all the traffic will bear and to offer mediocre to poor service. Neither has experimented with a la carte TV choices or innovation in expanded bandwidth. A merger, I fear, will only worsen the situation. There will be less competition and "more of the same" bandwidth for their customers. A merger between these two dinosaurs would be foolish and ought to be rejected.

# Bill Proestler

Fairfield, CA

If Comcast wants to become a monopoly, then the gov. regulators should make them put in fiber optic high speed cable, covering all areas. Similar to the phone service. Of course fair prices should then be regulated. Right now high speed internet service is only available in high density, not rural areas. I live about 8 miles outside the city and reliable internet service is not available.

# Konrad Hunter

#### Palmdale, CA

If Comcast merges with Time Warner it will be a gigantic merger monopoly with no competition for price variables and no variety of companies to choose from. And we all know they start their prices low and then they start creeping the prices up to where you don't notice your spending a fortune on cable just to watch some kind of cheap entertainment. I say definitely no to this merger.

### JAMES PICKERING

Pittsburg, CA

If Comcast is allowed to takeover Time Warner, the result will be increased pricing and less consumer choices. This is one merger that makes absolutely no sense if anyone would examine it from the standpoint of a consumer. Terry Peyton Sanger, CA If Comcast is allowed to merge with Time Warner cable to make an extremely dominate company there will be less competition, higher prices and worse service. Please don't allow this merger.

Lawrence Maxwell San Francisco, CA If Comcast dominates California, we will get their poor service at an even higher price. Carol Seibert San Francisco, CA If Comcast acquires Time Warner who do you think will pay for the acquisition? Current and future subscribers that's who. We are paying enough for their services right now.

Elizabeth Phillips

San Francisco, CA

If America is truly the land of the free, then lawmakers should preserve our right to freedom of choice in a free market. Comcast's merger is equivalent to an economic dictatorship, and it is truly unAmerican. George Oyama

Escondido, CA

If a merger is approved, too much control of cable and internet services would be given to one company. Considering the poor user satisfaction history of both Comcast and Time Warner, it seems a merger of two uncaring giants would only compound the problem.

#### Tina Clark Chico, CA

If a merger is allowed, we will end up with the same situation as with oil companies, no competition, prices go sky high, and no more money to put into the economy because it will be going mainly to gasoline and Comcast. It is already difficult to live, now Comcast wants to make it harder for us. We may have to completely give up cable and just watch DVDs and local news. Please stop this merger; there is little competition as it is.

Florence Buchanan Folsom, CA I.don't think this merger will benefit me, it takes away from my freedom of choice. Please do not support the merger of Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

#### Bruce Borden

Nevada City, CA

I would love to have more competition - not less. Comcast has been terrible, but without a competitor they have no reason to improve. Allowing Comcast and Time Warner to merge would be like allowing AT&T and Verizon to merge - absolutely terrible for consumers. Frederick Miller

Newbury Park, CA

I would like to see these mega mergers stop. I think it is high time consumers be given the opportunity for real service. That can best be achieved through an open and competitive marketplace. I think The PUC should bear this in mind, and block any merger/takeover of Time Warner Cable by Comcast. Sincerely, Frederick Miller 3324 Holloway St. Newbury Park, CA 91320

#### David Conley

Fremont, CA

I would like to prevent Comcast takeover Time Warner Cable because they will be the sole company in CA and leads to monopoly. It will not be any fair business decision for anyone in state of Califonria. Leslie Young

## Bloomington, CA

I would like to know what happened to the anti-trust laws? Would this not constitute a monopoly? The Comcast Time Warner merger would give Comcast the whole state of California. Presently, cable companies are given areas that they service so, unfortunately, we really don't have a choice when it comes to selecting a cable company. But to allow one company to have total control over the whole state gives too much power with little incentive for it to be responsible to the citizens of this state.

### Ziheng Fang

Pleasanton, CA

I would like to express my concern about Comcast taking over Time Warner Cable (TWC). Already, we can see that Comcast is doing little to honor the wishes of it's customers and if we allow the merge to happen, Comcast will literally control the net. Therefore, I urge you to not allow Comcast to takeover Time Warner Cable.

Rand Arnold Santa Clara, CA I would like more choice in internet broadband providers not less. Please don't allow this merger to go through.

#### M.S. Epstein

Los Angeles, CA

I wish to voice my vehement and unequivocal opposition to Comcast's plan to take over Time Warner. Having once been a Comcast customer, and am now a TW customer, I know all too damn well from personal experience the frustrations with both companies re service and rapacious, ever-increasing prices. To permit Comcast to buy TW is utterly contrary to the pubic good - a death blow to competition as well as to an open Internet free of provider repression and censorship ( of which Comcast has been culpable). This merger is a terrible idea and a pox on CA citizens and media customers.

Cali Dorsch Arcata, CA I will not patronize either company.

Amy Laird Livermore, CA I was under the apparently mistaken impression that monopolies were illegal. Terrance McDermott Battle Ground, WA I was born and raised in San Francisco. I believe Comcast would become a monopoly if granted this takeover. Please say not to it. Swami Hariharananda Carmichael, CA

I was a Comcast customer for many years. This year I changed video service to another company that offered a less expensive program that I could afford. With Comcast, many friends and others changed their service due to Comast's biyearly raise in service. Comcast service was less than satisfactory. Programs on Comcast were not adequate to the price paid. As a paid consumer, we should be allowed some choices of what we wish to view instead of Comcast's virtual domination of programs I saw. I didn't appreciate Comcast's domination over what I viewed on my television. As a California citizen, I think Comcast is bad for residents and hereby protest their takeover of Time Warner Cable. Sincerely, Swami Hariharananda 5200 Arden Way Carmichael, CA 95608

Laura Chacon Temecula, CA I want to let the Public Utilities Commission know that I feel this merger will not be of any benefit to me.

Raymond Ho Los Angeles, CA I want there to be more choices, not less! Stop these mega mergers. Lance Kayser La Mirada, CA I want the choice of service providers as a customer. This monopolistic system is unacceptable and does not serve the needs of the consumer.

K Rubio Santa Ana, CA I want the California Public Utilities Commission to block Comcast from dominating the California market.

Mike Sipusic Hayward, CA I want choice through competition.

### Barbara Whalen

Carlsbad, CA

I want a choice in cable, I am tired of being ripped off by these monopolizing corporations that want to bleed our wallets dry while giving us 200 channels that I will never watch.

# P. Shontz

Martinez, CA

I use the Internet daily to run my business from my home office. I recently switched away from Comcast because Comcast increased my Internet bill nearly 100% after being with them just one year. My business would be hurt significantly if Comcast were to gain even more pricing power than it now has assuming the Time Warner merger is approved. Please DO NOT approve the merger! Thank you.

### Manny Pitta

### San Jose, CA

I urge you to say NO! to the Comcast - Time Warner Cable merger. As an internet user, I am already trapped by the current lack of competition among internet providers. Though I only need internet access in my home, I am virtually required to pay for unwanted services such as TV and phone service. I do NOT need these added services. Due to the lack of competition, I have no choice. Approval of this merger would put Comcast in a more dominant position and lead to more abuse, maybe requiring that all customers accept, and pay for, even more services - such as home security. Please say "NO"!

# Tom Sutherland

#### Palo Alto, CA

I urge you to not allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner cable. I am currently an over the air broadcast TV viewer specifically because Comcast is my only choice for cable TV, and they have been absolutely horrible with respect to customer service and pricing over the years. I cannot imagine that with this merger the situation would improve at all, and most likely would get even worse. Thanks in advance for your consideration and thought on this matter.

### Brenda Savard

San Francisco, CA

I urge you to block the bid by Comcast to take over Time Warner Cable. This mega-merger is not in the best interests of California users. This would inevitably lead to deteriorating service quality and higher prices for phone and broadband services.

### **Richard Wittman**

Los Angeles, CA

I urge you to block Comcast's bid to take over Time Warner Cable. It is NOT in the public interest to have control over phone and broadband services even more consolidated than it is already. If protecting Californians is more important to you than satisfying lobbyists, then you will block this proposed takeover. Sincerely, Richard Wittman Los Angeles, CA 90014 Sheri Cooper Woodacre, CA I thought we were anti-monopoly in this country? Mary Artesani Huntington Beach, CA I thought this was settled no monopolies!!! Please no merger with Time Warner and Comcast. We already have few less choices.

Terry Jackson Livermore, CA I thought that we had antitrust laws in this Country; but you would never know it. Denise Standing Fresno, CA I think the Time Warner Cable merger with Comcast is a bad idea because this will cause Comcast have too much control of the cable business and I believe that this will result in higher prices for Californians.

Kristen Sueoka Orinda, CA I think that the Comcast merger is a true conflict of interest, in a field that already has too little competition. I oppose this merger. Elizabeth Lotz

Santa Rosa, CA

I think that having Comcast (or any other single company) in control of even more territory in California is a bad idea, and will hurt customer choice. I have been with Comcast for many years, and see continual rate increases with marginal improvements in service. Allowing Comcast to dominate even more areas will worsen this situation. Stephen Mudd Rancho Cordova, CA I support true competition. That means enough of this too big to fail crap. Pull your head out of your corrupt butt and do the right thing.....FOR ONCE!!! Walter Erickson Lancaster, CA I strongly oppose this merger. It is not in the best interest of the consumer. Comcast would dominate and control the California market. This would result in increased prices and fewer choices.

Ashok Mathur San Carlos, CA I strongly oppose this merger because it will result in an even greater monopolization in the cable business and cause even higher prices to customers. charlotte cook Sacramento, CA I strongly oppose the Time Warner Cable/Comcast merger. The public interest will NOT be served by creating such a dominant, controlling player in the California market.

Stephen Senter

Piedmont, CA

I strongly oppose the Comcast-Time Warner merger. If the merger should go through it would leave viewers with only one serious provider of full service TV. Dish, Direct TV and Uverse cannot compete. The Comcast-Time Warner entity would have monopolistic pricing power. Prices would go up, service and innovation would deteriorate. Janis Chan San Rafael, CA

I strongly oppose Comcast's merger with Time Warner! Without competition, Comcast only will be encouraged to keep bumping up charges and deliver less and less service. I've been a Comcast subscriber for many years - not because I love them but because I really have no choice. They keep gouging me for more and more money - \$5 here, \$10 there, along with all sorts of unspecified fees - our bill has gone up 50-75% in the past two years, and the service level has gone down. There seems to be no regulation on what is already a monopoly, and as a citizen, I urge you to vote NO on this merger.

### Justin Wienckowski

### San Francisco, CA

I strongly object to the Comcast/Time-Warner merger. These companies, with some of the worst customer service ratings in the industry, clearly seek a monopoly that would not benefit consumers. Recent actions by the federal government underscore the fact that the reasons put forth for seeking the merger by the companies are vague where they are not outright misleading. Unless these companies can show how a merger would benefit consumers, raise service levels, reduce costs, and improve Internet access availability to large populations, it should be prevented.

#### Norman Creitz

San Diego, CA

I strongly disapprove of the proposed merger between Comcast and Time warner Cable. We should never forget the days before Bell Telephone was split-up. As a former subscriber to Time Warner Cable, I feel that the proposed merger would only make a poorly performing company worse.

# Barbara Russell

Stockton, CA

I serve as Trustee for my brother's Special Needs Trust. One of the expenses covered by the Trust is his Comcast TV account. Their pricing is outrageous. I would prefer to switch is television to another carrier but am unable to supervise the switch because I don't live close by. Paying the bill every month just makes me angry. Please don't take away our choices so that we are stuck with Comcast.

### Carol Summers

#### Ventura, CA

I seems to me it should be obvious to the California Public Utilities Commission that it is not in the public's interest if Comcast and Time Warner Cable merge. But, apparently, it is necessary for me and others of the "public" sector to make our case against it. Currently there is little, if any, competition in the United States when a resident seeks a cable/satellite provider. If Comcast and Time Warner merge, then the lack of choice by consumers becomes worse than it already is. And, considering Comcast and Time Warner are at the bottom of consumer satisfaction surveys, the merger would make the worst provider more powerful and closer to a monopoly. Please consider the public's interest and do not allow this merger. Give American consumers a break.

William Perkins San Ramon, CA I see NO benefit to the consumer in this merger. Competition will go down and prices, service and choices will go down. vote NO on the Comcast -Time/Warner merger Michael Driver Imperial Beach, CA I Say NO, Cable companies have people "bent over the barrow" stuck as it is now with high prices & poor service! Even worse for people on limited or disability incomes!!
Charlotte von der Hude Berkeley, CA I say NO!!! to the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Paul Strobeck San Carlos, CA I say no to this merger. We want more choice not less. I am tired of being gouged by Comcast. Open up cable to free enterprise. Please no more mega-corporations!!!

Bernard Singer Porter Ranch, CA I say NO to the merger. Abu Israil Azusa, CA I say NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

Madeline Price Los Angeles, CA I say NO to Comcast. Shawn Weymouth Gilroy, CA I say NO to Comcast Time Warner! Trish Rodriguez Hacienda heights, CA I say No to Comcast Nicole Savage SanFrancisco, CA

I say NO because I am sick and tired of both Time Warner or Comcast, and their high prices and the lousy service they give their customers. The worse idea I can think of is for Time Warner and Comcast to merge. Each of them is already well known tor high prices and dreadful service to their customers - How in the world could a joining of those two dreadful companies add up to anything good for we the people of California.

LUCIE BARBEAU Berkeley, CA I say a loud "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Allen Kezer

Santa Rosa, CA

I say "NO" to this merger. We will have NO choice and Comcast's service is terrible and EXPENSIVE. I cut the cord 10 years ago and use, strictly, my local ISP for internet (Netflix, Hulu, etc). I've wanted to go back to a faster system with sports but I will never use Comcast/TimeWarner. They are TOO BIG with no concern for the consumer. I say "NO" to the Comcast Merger and I hope the PUC has the sense to do the same.

Bill Piotter Porterville, CA I say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! We do not need a cable market Monopoly to move in to California.

BLANCHE Toobert Grass Valley, CA I Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! I do not think it would benefit me. David Scott Ontario, CA I say "NO" to Comcast domination of California! sally campbell Sacramento, CA I said NO to you by switching to a different provider when you would not lower my rate. I hope you figure out that we DO have other options....Or are you just stupid?

robert kittredge Fresno, CA I respectfully request that the CA PUC oppose Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. I do not believe it to be in the best interest to Californians. I think it's a bad idea to allow Comcast to control the California market. With such a merger we can all expect higher prices, less efficient services, and less control over those services.

Charles Warren GRASS VALLEY, CA I request freedom of choice and not a monopoly. No to this huge merger.

## John ENnals

Cupertino, CA

I regard the deregulation of cable the worst thing ever to do to a utility. I do not need cable or satellite after the benfit of digital OTA transmission of TV, thankfully provided for free by law. So, the penalty i suffer is having to pay Comcast \$69 a month for cable internet, and outrageous sum. Bundling is not a benefit to the consumer. The CEO of Comcast is renowned for pushing his business advantage any opportunity he can get. Do not make Comcast any bigger, i plead!

John Bacher

Antioch, CA

I really tired of mot having more affordable cable and internet choices in my area. I want you a the PUC to stop the power grab of Comcast so they can control all of the media content. betty harada

San Mateo, CA

I prefer to work with small companies that offer better prices and services. Though the merger may not resemble a monopoly in true definition, the results will be the same. I'd like to see more fair competition that serves the broader consumer community in California. Kathleen Lee El Dorado Hills, CA I prefer the option to choose my service. This merger would effectively offer me no options. Please don't allow this merger to proceed.

Mistie White Modesto, CA I personally prefer Time Warner over Comcast. Don't have a chose were I, live have to have Comcast. And if they merge there will b no competitors. They're just going to raise their prices, not like it's already out expensive. Mariel Gray Berkeley, CA

I pay in upwards of \$200 a month for JUST cable and internet. For my money I get on demand shows that have no sound, internet that CONSTANTLY kicks me off, customer service that will do nothing when you tell them the HD channels that you have to pay extra for blank out and give you the message "this channel willbe available shortly" for days on end, and last but not least a cable box that goes on fritz for no apparent reason. This merger isn't going to do one thing at all to benefit the end user. Please, California is already an expensive state to live in, we don't need another household expense to shoot up while the quality and service steadily decline. P.S. I live in a building where the Internet is free for the residents. Not only has it NEVER worked Comcast wouldn't send someone out to take a ו דידיד ו

Judith Collas Pacific Palisades, CA I oppose the monopolistic Comcast Time Warner merger. Time Warner overcharges already. the need more competition not less. Please do not approve this merger.

Will Fares

Pleasanton, CA

I oppose the merger of Time-Warner and Comcast on the grounds it puts too much monopoly power into the hands of heartless corporations. Mike Imanaka Santa Clara, CA I oppose the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Every year, Comcast raises my rates and with a greater monopoly, it could continue this practice. Roberto Bonilla

San Francisco, CA

I oppose the merger of Comcast and Time Warner because it would keep Comcast and the other compnaies competing with each other. This would directly benefit the consumer and perhaps keep the already high prices more reasonable.

#### SAL VIDAURRI

Los Angeles, CA I OPPOSE THE MERGER BETWEEN COMCAST AND TIME WARNER. I DON'T BELIEVE THE MERGER WILL BETTER THE POOR SERVICE ALREADY BEING PROVIDED. IT WILL NOT BE GOOD FOR THE CONSUMER NOR THE EMPLOYEES.

david caulkins Los Altos, CA I oppose the Comcast/Time Warner merger; too much power in one company. Dave Caulkins 437 Mundell Los Altos, CA 94022

#### Bruce Olsen West Hollywood, CA

I oppose the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger because it would reduce competition among providers of cable service and promote the exploitation of consumers in California. Also, by putting too much power in one major internet provider, this merger threatens our First Amendment rights.

## Toni MacCabe

#### San Diego, CA

I oppose the Comcast merger, eliminating competition would lock us into an already bad situation that would then have less motivation for improvement. I am appalled at the lack of choice we have in the states. Other countries have more choice, better service and better prices! Jeff Goodwin Los Angeles, CA I oppose the Comcast merger because monopolies provide crappy service for usurious fees. Competition controls prices and incentivizes improvement of service. No to this merger.

Hong Wang San Ramon, CA I oppose the Comcast and Time Warner merger and want to prevent Comcast becomes a monopoly. It only hurts consumers. Thank you.

James Wilson Placerville, CA I oppose letting Comcast take over Time Warner Cable and monopolize the California cable market. This would NOT serve the best interests of consumers. I ask for your consideration in protecting the public. Thank you, Jim Wilson Celine Hary Bakersfield, CA I OPPOSE high prices for phone and broadband services! I OPPOSE lousy customer service for phone and broadband services! I OPPOSE Comcast controlling California market! NO! NO! NO! to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!!!

#### Paul Brooks

San Diego, CA

I lived in Colorado previously and have first hand experience with Comcast. My experience with Comcast was not positive, I experienced many outages and other technical issues. Comcast support is the worst I have ever had the misfortune to deal with. Please don't allow them to ruin the Internet and cable for Californians. steven benvenue

#### Orinda, CA

I live in Orinda and I have been chained to Comcast for years. Too many trees for direct and dish tv. Not enough profit for att to install fiber optics. Therefore, I've had to endure poor service for an overpriced product for years. If the PUC allows this merger it proves to me that our system of regulation is just as infected as our corporately owned government. Please show some sense of responsibility and stop this merger.. T'Keyah Crystal Keymah Toluca Lake, CA I live in Los Angeles and in Chicago, where Comcast enjoys a monopoly in many neighborhoods, forcing customers therein to endure its horrible service. TimeWarner's service is bad enough. Without a choice, the new company will have no incentive to offer good service at a fair price. dennis whitcomb

blue lake, CA

I live in Blue Lake and have no options for my poor internet service. I need more competition for better services. I set up my mothers internet service with Comcast and had no end of hassles. Their customer service was based on avoidance and delay. I say no to monopolies.

Cherri Nelson

Los Gatos, CA

I live in an area where Comcast is my ONLY option for both TV and Internet. THIS IS NO FREE MARKET FOR ME. I can't get satellite because of the forest in the way. Comcast gouges financially. Comcast is beginning to be a 'too big to fail' company and it needs to STOP!

## Suzanne Guerra

Bayside, CA

I live in a rural area and I can't see that this merger will make anything better for communities like ours. We have had plenty of empty promises from these big companies. We get no or limited service because the profit is in serving larger population centers in areas that are easily accessible. The potential service area for the new company will maintain this two tiered system. I urge you to deny this merger-it is not good for California.

#### **Benjamin Hicks**

La Habra, CA

I live in a condo and have Time Warner because my HOA won't allow me to install a satellite dish. If Time Warner and Comcast merge my cable bill will continue to go up which is already too high. Please don't allow them to merge. Rosa Antoine

San Jose, CA

I like news from lots of different sources so I can make up my own mind about things. If Comcast takes everything over, well then you only have one source for everything and that just doesn't cut it. Krista Giovannon San Jose, CA I left Comcast over 8 years ago and I'll never return. Lousy customer service snd very high rates! Patricia Smith Oakland, CA I know of no one who is satisfied with their Comcast service. Please prevent them from dominating the California market.

#### Cathy Thornburn

Los Angeles, CA

I just cancelled my cable because I'm sick of the terrible service from Time Warner. I'm am doing without TV just to get away from this company. I do not want to be forced to choose. No to Comcast.

#### Barney McComas Berkeley, CA

I have two options for internet access at home. Both are too expensive. I left Comcast because of their horrible customer service and sneaky fee hikes. AT&T is slow and unreliable. I run my business using the internet at home, and don't have a home phone. For many, like me, mobile phones and the internet have replaced home phones, so it should be considered a regulated utility.

#### Lisa Horton

#### San Mateo, CA

I have to have Comcast where I live and I've been very dissatisfied with the company. The service itself is poor; my phone has a constant crackle, among other issues. Comcast has been out several times and the problems continue. I pay \$100 a month for that. I'm now in the process of transferring my land line number from all banking, business, personal, etc. to my cell phone and canceling my landline altogether. Please, please, don't let Comcast become a monopoly. California cannot afford that and should not have to subjected to such horrible business practices! Block the merger!! Charles Jacoby

## Los Angeles, CA

I have satellite but Comcast is owner of many stations/channels, and it seems endlessly to be waging war on DirecTV regarding one channel or another. That's an old story by now and very tiresome for those of us who enjoy channels that are under threat of disappearing, usually thanks to Comcast, not to say DirecTV is any better. It's not. So how will a merger help? Other than to render Comcast into an almost complete monopoly? Which is NEVER in the interest of the public, already deprived of receiving truthful and complete news coverage. The alternative is Fox? How bad does it have to get, or is the general idea to dumb down citizens even more than already while making immense profits? There is not a single good reason for a merger while there are many for preventing a merger.

#### Abel Pacas

Los Angeles, CA

I have personally had not experienced any problem with any of the involved entities but, I have quite of my friends which complaint about their services not only with the quality of their products but their customer services too. Therefore, my request to the Public Utilities Commissioners is to stop the merger between these two corporations. Sincerely, Abel Pacas Los Angeles, California 90044 Niklas Back

Campbell, CA

I have not had a raise since before the crisis, but Comcast's prices just keeps going up. I doubt their employees are getting raise. I don't dare think about the prices once they control a market!

# Shawntae Rodriguez

lompoc, CA

I have never had to deal with a more horrible company then Comcast! They treat their customers like we don't matter which is proven again and again to me every time I need something fixed and can't get issues resolved. Currently I have been without paid Internet service on my desktop for almost two weeks now! I would go to another Internet company in a heart beat if Lompoc had other options that had comparable Internet speeds. Please stop Comcast from spreading its horrible customer service to other places!

#### **Dolores Manning**

## Aptos, CA

I have had many very bad experiences as a Comcast Customer involving incompetence. being mislead or simply lied to, and of course rate raises. Failure to receive any consistent TV service for weeks, even months, at a time is one of my complaints. I have made multiple calls to the super polite Tech support people who waste large amounts of my time going through their protocols over and over and over with no results. They end with promises to call me back after they have done something remedial or tell me they are doing something at a distance that will fix my problems within a few days. They have repeatedly not called back.] Nothing gets fixed and worst of all, I never get any just plain straight, honest talk. I have attempted to quit Comcast, but returned because I couldn't get access 1 1 .

## Ed Miller

#### Clayton, CA

I have lived with Comcast's ridiculously high prices for cable and internet for years, watching them go higher every year. Their policy of requiring you to sign up every 12-24 months for a "special deal" JUST to get rates that are barely reasonable should be banned as bait and switch. Now they want to take over a major other player, one who was about to partner to make NetFlix better? How long until ComCast starts charging NetFlix extra just to be on their network??? Please don't give Comcast this power. Prices will go through the roof.

# Mary Hughes

## MDR, CA

I have had Comcast in the past and Time Warner Now. Prices just keep going up, however, problems continue on service. I don't see how allowing a monopoly to start will make things better, but will instead make things worse. Time Warner is already making changes in anticipation of this going through - we need to protect the public. I already pay for more channels than I want - we need to make this a better process. Joan Keith Tracy, CA I have had Comcast for 14 years, and for less than half of what I had when I started in the way of TV channels I pay almost twice as much. I am on a fixed income (retired), I really don't need to pay more for less. Michael Denney Twain Harte, CA I have experienced Comcast service, and they are already over priced. If allowed to merge, I can't imagine prices will go down without competition. This is not a good thing for California residents.

### Charles Clanton

San Francisco, CA

I have comcast. They have terrible customer service, and are very expensive. I dont have any alternatives. Where I lived previously, there were alternatives and Comcast was both cheaper and better. Do not allow this merger. Comcast already has too much market share and treats consumers badly when it does.

## Renee wagner Salinas, CA I have Comcast, and it is the worst service I have ever had. I am constantly getting bumped off my WiFi. Please let us have competition so things won't get worse, and vote no on the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

## Richard Sawdpm

Nevada City, CA

I have Comcast Triple Play service. When I set it up it had a special price that they said I could re-qualify for after one year. When I tried to do this they denied everything and declined to offer me a better price. After I told them that I had taken screen shots of the entire order conversation via their CHAT customer service online they decided to give me a \$10.00 credit for 12 months but I never got it. Called about it and they denied having any knowledge of the agreement. Jennifer Smith-Camejo

San Francisco, CA

I have Comcast right now because it's really the only option for cable I have in my neighborhood. I find the price to be extremely high and I'm not terribly pleased with the service and channels I get for that price. Healthy competition is the cornerstone of a capitalist society of the sort that corporations like Comcast laud. Why can't we have some competition?

#### carol dicks

#### Redwood Valley, CA

I have Comcast now, and they have no work ethics. They have been in Mendocino County for 6 years, and we STILL do not have "on demand." Seven people lied to me earlier this year, telling me "on demand" is in the county now, to get me to enroll. I have been a customer since this summer and the service is beyond poor. Repeatedly losing my Wi-Fi in the middle of gaming, and unable to view Netflix (which I pay monthly). They also keep disconnecting my Hotmail account. NOTHING BUT LIES AND MORE LIES WITH THE POOREST SERVICE. stephen breacain

Manteca, CA

I have Comcast for my cable, TV, computer and internet access, and telephone land line, and Verizon, which is now owned by Comcast, for my mobile phone service. If this isn't a monopoly already then what is? Please stop the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Thank you, Stephen Breacain 1568 Alyssa Pl. Manteca, CA 95337

## Katherine Coonley

## Vallejo, CA

I have Comcast for internet, and I feel it is unnecessarily expensive, but I need the internet for work. I do not have cable (television) because I cannot justify the expense. I cannot afford any increase in the already exorbitant cost. In addition, what happened to antitrust laws???

## Bruce Skelly

## Castro Valley, CA

I have Comcast cable service. It is the only cable service that is available in my area. I can't use off the air broadcast because of my location. Comcasts service is expensive! The customer service is very poor. I see nothing in this merger that would benefit the consumer. When you are as large as Comcast there is little left to gain in effiencies of scale. The expect to profit by increased rates and reduced service.

#### Rachel Townsend

#### San Francisco, CA

I have Comcast bc it it literally the only option that services my area. While my internet is reliable, the service is absolutely terrible. In every other service of my life, I am given options to weigh concerns like cost, customer service, company mission, etc when I choose a company to do business with. With Internet the choice is Comcast or no internet. The merger with Time Warner will create an even more gigantic company with no incentive to improve service or update technology as their customers have literally no where else to turn to.

#### edie heller

#### san anselmo, CA

I have Comcast and get good service from them but it's quite expensive. I'm against the merger because I believe it would allow Comcast to have a near monopoly and thereby make it easier for them to charge even more than they already do. Bedros Garabedian

Montebello, CA

I have cancelled my cable/satellite service because they were not delivering as promised especially at the price agreed upon. please look after your constituents' interests before even considering this ill conceived merger. Thank you

## David Cronin Orinda, CA

I have called Comcast about subscription issues, TV reception, and billing questions. It is Extremely difficult to reach a Person, an actual person who can answer questions or help with an issue. I have been on hold/speakerphone for 20 minutes, where I set the phone down and go do other things, like I would go to another company in a heartbeat!! Very frustrating... Please don't let them be a monopoly. As if I trust you guys to do the right thing..... Why not surprise me and my family and friends??? David Cronin, and a bunch of other people

## Bill Kedem

San Francisco, CA

I have been an unhappy Comcast customer for 14 years. I have been through all kinds of technical and cost issues with Comcast. Many of these issues continue at two homes I own that must use Comcast services. Please require Comcast to improve its existing services and DO NOT ALLOW COMCAST TO MERGE OR TAKEOVER ANY OTHER COMPANY IN ANY FIELD OF BUSINESS. Thank you.

Marvin Jones Palmdale, CA I have been a TWC customer for years. Their customer service is the best. I would probably look for a different server if this merger is approved.

Susan Williamson Lodi, CA I have been a customer of Comcast and was glad to make a switch. As a media customer, I need a choice. No monopolies especially in communications.

sandra r oakland, CA i have been a comcast customer for more than 20 years and strongly oppose this merger.

## Ed Noonen

San Ramon, CA

I have been a Comcast customer for many years, putting up with slow internet, slow response to repair requests and over expensive service. Please do not allow a merger which will further reduce service, and increase costs. Elizabeth Linker San Dimas, CA I have already cancelled some "tiers' of service to reduce my average \$250 month bill from Time Warner (with internet). Do what you can to keep competition among providers.

## D R Spencer

San Diego, CA

I have absolutely no choice for cable providers in my area already - so how can it be better for consumers to reduce the competition in the marketplace? It isn't good for consumers, plain and simple. Nancy Martin Santa Barbara, CA

I have a friend and a brother who use Comcast because it is their only choice. Comcast has a monopoly. It is not my choice at all and I don't want Comcast making decisions for me about what my choices are. Thanks!

## Marc Rachmuth

Oxnard, CA

I hate TimeWarner (overpriced, unresponsive to consumer desires, always trying to sell further upgrades by downgrading existing plans, charging for add-on equipment necessary for receiving cable transmissions we are already paying to receive), but I think the merger with Comcast will just make matters worse; more expensive, less choice.

## Michelle Cornell

Fresno, CA

I had such horrible experiences with Comcast that I eventually chose to go with an antenna rather than deal with them anymore. Please don't subject others to the grief I had to deal with.

Kathryn Day Berkeley, CA I had Comcast service when I lived in Virginia. Their customer service was absolutely abysmal and the service was overpriced. Please do not allow the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

James Collins San Francisco, CA

I had Comcast for years since it was, for a very long time, the only game in town. The service, cable and broadband, was slow and erratic. Their customer service was arrogant and downright bitchy. Merging with TimeWarner is not going to improve the situation no matter how many TV propaganda commercials Comcast runs claiming they support net neutrality and are all about customer service. For the love of god please say no to this monopolistic merger!

Andrew Brown Riverside, CA I had Comcast for years and hated it. Please stop monopolies. Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

John Caramagno Colfax, CA I had Comcast cable service once. It was the worst internet serve I ever had; worse than my current AT&T DSL service (which is pretty bad). Don't send anyone back to those dark days.

Jeffrey Nelson

San Diego, CA

I had Comcast cable for many years when I resided in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. area of South Florida. They were overpriced, and their customer service was terrible. The same report was conveyed to me by one of my closest friends whom I have known since jr. high school and who lives in the suburban Maryland area of Washington DC. I do not want Comcast in California. Period.

Marek Mierzwinski Santa Rosa, CA

I had been a Comcast customer for decades, finally changing to ATT when the option was available. I found their business process extremely consumer unfriendly. The only way to manage your account was to call (their online information was so garbled and contradictory it was useless) and virtually every time I called their agent would modify my account in a way that other agents could never figure out (the bundles and rental equipment requirements would change without explanation). I also feel strongly against internet service and content providers from the same organization.

Jo Ann Scroggins Oakland, CA

I gave up on Comcast several years ago. Their prices kept going up and the service kept going down. They could not maintain the promised Internet speed and refuse to update the infrastructure that provides their services. The hubs here are several years out of date. Bigger is NOT better. I now use a Roku and a smart TV to and pay a fraction of the cost to watch shows and movies. I do not miss paying for terrible service and channels I never watch. We have only 3 providers available here. Why on earth would you allow less choice instead of promoting innovation and more competition?

Anthony Earls

Dublin, CA

I firmly believe that this merger grants monopolistic control over our cable and Internet access markets. As a regular voter, I am watching this issue carefully. I will be very disappointed in any political or appointed official supporting this move.

Arthur Gutierrez Riverside, CA I feel very strongly against the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. This merger would be only bring higher prices and less choices to the California consumer. Please take action to stop the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Russ Crowther



I dropped Comcast a few years ago in favor of broadcast TV and DSL because of their excessive prices and the prevalence of objectionable content that could not reasonably be dealt with using the parental controls available on their TV service. Comcast is already too much of a monopoly. A merger with Time Warner would only exacerbate this issue. Please encourage competition in the TV/phone/internet service arena any way you can.

Marsha Epstein Los Angeles, CA I don't want to have to belong to Comcast. Please stop the merger. Rosendo Ovalle la palma, CA I don't want that Comcast and Time Warner cable merger, because it is bad for us the consumers it is going to be a monopoly and prices are going to increase. Amy Fisher Santa Monica, CA I don't want my Time Warner cable TV account to be taken over by Comcast! Mega-mergers eliminate real competition, which is the backbone of American business. No merger!

Mark Golembiewski Pacifica, CA I don't want either Comcast OR Time Warner...they both suck!

Teresa Turner Oakland, CA I don't want Comcast. I want better service and better choices. Julie Alley Long Beach, CA I don't want Comcast to dominate the California marketplace. Please don't allow this merger, as it certainly will not benefit me or my family.

Carla Cicchi Placerville, CA I don't want Comcast Time Warner Cable merger or any other company to do the same. No monopolies. Marina Tonkonogy

Calabasas, CA

I don't want cable companies limit my consumer choices through mergers and dominating the market. Attempts to monopolize the market are an attack on consumers, and I demand that the California Public Utilities Commission protects my consumer right to have choices. stephen anderson

Folsom, CA

I don't want a monopoly telling me what I have to buy. I want choice in what I buy. Who needs hundreds of channels? Allow me to pick from a menu of channels. And why should new customers pay a fraction of us long-term customers pay? Only because of their virtual monopoly. Now they want it to be an actual monopoly. Vote NO.

David Burnham

San Jose, CA

I don't want a massive conglomerate cable monopoly controlling my internet access. It would negatively affect my home use AND my work use. That would motivate me and my family to move. Please don't push this on us.

Sue maisonneuve stockton, CA I don't think this merger will benefit me. I can't afford higher prices. john davis

Visalia, CA

I don't think any provider should be able to "prioritize" or give preference to one or another user. We won't have a free and accessible internet soon if this keeps up.... Stop Comcast and the big users (the monied users)....

Charles Meier Burlingame, CA I don't need more lousy service than I already receive. Please do not allow a merger if Comcast and Time Warner. michelle mann Los Angeles, CA

I DON'T LIVE IN CHINA! This monstrous monopoly that squeezes consumers is exactly what consumers are supposed to be protected from!! We will all pay for this merger- not only consumers and smaller providers, but content creators and those trying to innovate with independent work. And anyone who doesn't serve THIS DRAGON'S personal fiskal agenda will get the squeeze. This deal us wrong for everyone! Dennis Spinelli SNELLING, CA I don't have Comcast and don't want to have it forced on me. I have several friends who have or had it and they tell me the service is horrible. Kathleen Cavanagh Alameda, CA I don't believe that the Comcast/Tme Werner merger will be of benefit to me or anyone. Without competition companies don't provide good service.

#### Vivian Krug

## Arroyo Grande, CA

I don't believe a merger would be in our best interests. Our hands are already tied with Charter and no choices and merging with a giant like Comcast would be even worse. Comcast is in our neighboring County and this gives them far too much power on the Central Coast of CA. If anything, it is already unfair not to have a choice of cable companies and be forced to use it or not have it. Our rates are outrageously high, almost un-affordable and with Comcast it will be worse. They have a bad reputation, are rated poorly and now they are trying to force them upon us. Charter who we currently have is also rated poorly. Why is it there cannot be a free market and competition so there is a choice? These mergers are horrible. Thank you for your time and please do not allow this merger.

Lee Wagner San Ramon, CA I do not want to see this monopolistic merger take place. We need more competition in the Internet Service Provider arena, not less!

Marisa Rich

Oakland, CA

I do not want to be limited in my choices any more than I already am. Mergers of this size are for the benefit of shareholders not the public that depends on the service. Linda Ehrisman

#### Gasquet, CA

I do not want less choice! We all want MORE reasonably priced choices, not yet another mega merger. Comcast has horrible service and wants to control all we see & do. The Internet is a utility and should be regulated as such. Period. Gar Quock San Gabriel, CA I do not want Comcast to merge with Time Warner. The public needs choices to keep the big cable companies honest and allow for competitive pricing. Please do not allow this merger to take place.

Don Tatro Albany, CA I do not want comcast to have a monopoly. Their service will only become worse and prices higher. DO NOT LET THIS MERGER HAPPEN!

#### S. Gonzaga

Westlake Village, CA

I do not want Comcast owning a huge market share they were the worst cable provider I've ever had and I couldn't wait to have another option in my area. Allowing this merger would limit my ability to get genuine competitive services as it would essentially combine the only two choices in the area. Please stop the Comcast merger!

#### HOLLI DIEL

Grass Valley, CA I DO NOT WANT COMCAST DOMINATING MY INTERNET CHOICES! NO COMCAST & ZIONIST TIME WARNER MERGER!

Rick Thomas

Costa Mesa, CA

I do not think this merger will be in my best interest! These mergers are always promoted by saying prices will fall but they never do. Take your oversight role seriously and deny this merger!.

#### **Bob McCleary**

Orinda, CA

I do not support the Comcast-Time Warner merger, and urge you to block it in California. As a Comcast subscriber, I've noticed that the cost continues to increase every year for the standard services. I think Comcast has too much power, particularly after it acquired NBC. Consequently, I do not think it is in the public's interest to see further consolidation in the cable business, which could impact both the price and availability of high-speed internet services. Marti Andrews Tiburon, CA I do not like Comcast, especially the monopoly. Betty Maxwell Paradise, CA I do not feel that the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable is in the best interests of myself and other Californians. It would reduce the choices for cable services and could lead to higher fees. We need more competition instead of less. I am also not impressed with Comcast's services and response to customer complaints. I urge you to NOT APPROVE this merger. Sincerely, Betty Maxwell 5690 Feather River Place Paradise, CA 95969

Charles Kristie Laguna Niguel, CA I do not believe the Comcast TimeWarner merger to be in the best interest of the public in California. It will definitely reduce competition and could very well create a virtual monopoly in California for Comcast. Do not approve the merger. Best regards, Charles M. Kristie 28191 Bluebell Dr. Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Brian Morgan San Jose, CA I do not believe that a Comcast/Time Warner merger is in the best interest of California's citizens.

S. Robinson Los Angeles, CA I do not believe it is in the best interest for consumers for this merger to go through. This is just an attempt to control the pricing market. Larry Lapuyade San Anselmo, CA I do not approve of the merger/takeover of time Warner Cable. It will not be of benefit to any of us in California. PUC please do your job and block this merger!! Thank You!! Sharon Parker Santa Cruz, CA I discontinued my internet service with Comcast because of the proposed merger with TimeWarner. Unfortunately, there is not another cable TV provider in my area. So we downgraded to basic cable, only. Anthony Mei Novato, CA I consistently received poor service, especially lousy equipment, from Comcast. Their idea of fixing bad equipment was to issue me another of the same malfunctioning controls!

#### Fred Rible

Los Angeles, CA

I consider choice, value, and service when I spend my money, and a Comcast monopoly would eliminate all three. Please block this merger and protect California consumers.

#### Jay O'Brien

San Diego, CA

I can't imagine how Comcast and Time Warner merging would do anything but hurt consumers. Cable companies have some of the highest dissatisfaction among consumers. They could really care less about the public good or providing a satisfying experience for consumers - because they don't have to - and that's with the present situation. It will only get worse if they further consolidate.

## Warren Johnson

San Jose, CA

I cannot imagine how allowing Comcast and Time Warner Cable to merge will benefit the California consumer. History has proven that service provider monopolies \*never\* provide better service or customer support, despite how often or loudly they claim "Economies of Scale" or "Integrated Support Structures". Please deny the Comcast and Time Warner Cable merger and tell them that it is NOT in the best interest of California consumers.

## Ron Wade

#### Los Gatos, CA

I cannot even get Comcast because I literally live on the wrong side of the road. I am left with 3Mb/s DSL from Verizon. There is little competition now and there will be even less if this merger is allowed. The lack of true broadband in my neighborhood has resulted in people NOT buying houses, or NOT renting.

## Katherine Reuter

Santa Monica, CA

I cannot believe cable prices, cable companies blocking out our stations. Please keep competition alive - it's our only hope!

#### Dylan Hage Boulder Creek, CA

I belive Comcast will use that merge to create a cable monopoly in their favor and drive their already outrageous prices up even higher. How much is enough?

## Charles Fry

Sunnyvale, CA

I believe the proposed merger of Comcast with Time Warner Cable goes against the best interests of California TV viewers, Internet users, AND entertainment industry producers. Here in the heart of Silicon Valley, Comcast and AT&T have a cozy duopoly as the dominant Internet, cable TV, and telephone providers. Comcast's customer service is notoriously bad, winning them Consumerist's Worst Company in America award twice. Time Warner Cable is not far behind. Comcast is already a vertically integrated entertainment juggernaut as part of the NBCUniversal family, with a pipeline from content production (Universal) through national distribution (NBC) and local delivery (Comcast). Time Warner is the dominant cable company in most of Southern C 11C 1.

## Burt Rodin

La Jolla, CA

I believe that if Comcast merges with TIme Warner the result will be poorer telecom services for consumers. Please do not allow this merger to take place. Judy Chan Farmer

San Francisco, CA

I believe that we should have a choice of lower cost cable. The small operators with better service and pricing need a fair chance to get business. Comcast cheats its customers with unfair business practices. For example, they do not notify you on your bill when a special rate is ending after 6 months or a year. No one answers the phone if you call to correct their error. Sales people give us incorrect information on the phone. It's a nightmare! A merger will only make it worse!

## Victoria Franklin

Calabasas, CA

I believe that a merger of Time Warner Cable with Comcast would be a VERY BAD MERGER. This action would create a dangerous monopoly, which would create corporate billions for the Time Warner Comcast Corp. This merger would overcharge California residents in order to receive good, quality TV viewing, and there would BE NO OTHER COMPANY or COMPANIES to choose from. Like totalitarian governments of the past, this merger would also be the ONLY CHOICE, or rather, ASSIGNMENT, offered to Californians. If we California citizens want to continue HAVING CHOICES about the PROGRAMS WE ENJOY, & PRICES WE CAN AFFORD, WE NEED TO STAND TOGETHER and NOT ALLOW THIS MERGER to HAPPEN. If this merger does go through, 

Julie Boudreau

Aptos, CA

I believe that a Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger, by consolidating market share, reducing competition, and narrowing service options, will compromise the interests of consumers. I urge you to oppose this proposed merger. Robert Binder

San Francisco, CA

I believe a majority of the people of California do not want a Time Warner - Comcast merger to take place. I also believe it is not in the best interest of the citizens of California. I believe it would be a neglect of duty by any commissioner voting in favor to allow a merger of these parties it to go forward.

Albert Scavino

Pinole, CA

I ask the Commissioners to vote "NO" to the proposed merger of Comcast Time Warner merger. At the present time, My comcast service is poor and the fees are rather high. I am worried that the merger will reduce competition, resulting in poorer service and higher fees. Tlhank's for your consideration. Sincerely Albert V.Scavino 3107 Naomi Cy Pinole, CA 94564 Kristi Saiger

Huntington Beach, CA

I as a consumer already feel victimized by the wireless telephone industry and I don't think this merger serves me. I am not for less choice and am against the Time Warner Comcast merger.

## Teresa House Hedani

Pittsburg, CA

I and my eldery mother have Comcast because there is no other cable alternative. The cost is prohibitively high for a widow on fixed income, and their customer service, while improved slightly, is still lacking. PLEASE do not let Comcast dominate the State of California. PLEASE! Ruth Judkowitz

Chatsworth, CA

I am writing to you because I am in the Time Warner Cable service area. It's always a bad idea to let a huge corporation become even larger. Please stop the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger. Thank you for considering my request. Elizabeth Snowden-Ifft South Pasadena, CA I am worried that this merger will reduce competition and be bad for me as a consumer. Emily Snelling Nevada City, CA I am very much opposed to Comcast's proposed merger with Time Warner Cable. Consumers need a reasonable amount of choice if we are to maintain any semblance of a free market. Thank you.

## Rosalie Lynn

Colton, CA

I am very concerned that neither Comcast nor Time Warner Cable is thinking about better serving the people that buy their services. This is a "business" decision that will enrich the power and financial assets of the companies -- not one that will provide better service for their customers. Please hear the pleas of California consumers who are forced to enroll in whichever company controls their area. Barbara Sargent Berkeley, CA

I am very concerned about net neutrality and lowest cost possible for web and phone access. Such a merger will only hurt the public yet further financial gains for these two mega companies. No merger please!

Ritchie Albert Ventura, CA I am very concerned about concentration of media ownership. John Jay

Santa Rosa, CA

I am very concerned about any media consolidation that would put Comcast management in charge or with significant influence. We had Comcast cable for several years and were so dismayed by the rapid increases in prices that we switched to DirecTV and have been much more satisfied ever since. Unless there are strict enforced regulations and reviews of rate increase requests from Comcast (how much and how often), I fear that having Comcast managing or influencing the result of this merger will be very bad news for consumers. It certainly was for us! Noah Splies Ventura, CA I am very concerned about a monopolization of the internet providers in CA. This seems unfair to consumers and would lead to fee increase and internet limitations. Please restrict such a merger in our state. Cheryl Elkins San Diego, CA

I am vehemently opposed to the Comcast merger!! In order for capitalism to work there must be competition in markets. There is not enough competition now in cable television. Further reduction of available options hurts every one.

Mick Robinson Santa Maria, CA I am tired of companies getting bigger and bigger while giving us less choice and higher prices. Andrew McGugan Millbrae, CA I am tired of Comcast's high prices for cable - most of which i do not need. This merge will reduce choice and allow Comcast to continue with their poor service and high prices that seem to rise every 6 months. Prevent this merger.

Sara Bruce San Jose, CA

I am sure you are aware that we are all to close to returning to the era of the monopolies. This is not good for anybody except major corporate stockholders. Please do your job and protect California's consumers-the regular people. Ayesha Gill

Oakland, CA

I am strongly opposed to the Comcast Time Warner merger. This merger would give more power to these corporations to deliver even worse phone and broadband services and at higher prices. Pamela A. Lowry Berkeley, CA I am sick of high prices and lousy service, provided by the likes of Time Warner and Comcast,. And I don't like monopolies and not having choices, either. Unfortunately, that will be the lot of all of us if you

allow this merger to go through. Block the merger.

Abby Bethel Rsm, CA I am sick and tired of the greedy, self-serving big businesses who could care less about providing good, reliable service to their customers. It's always about the bottom line for them...

## Alice Neuhauser

Manhattan Beach, CA

I am shocked that this proposal has gotten this far. It is clearly an anti-trust problem that will result in customers with fewer options, less clout and higher costs. There is NOTHING beneficial to the public about such a merger, including job losses and consolidation of power. No thank you.

## Diana Daniels

Sacramenro, CA

I am seriously concerned about the lack of competition this merger cements for generations. Already I am frustrated by lack of competitiveness in the cable/digital market in California, which has a substantial financial impact on my household.

Marcia Andrews Willits, CA

I am retired, living on the legendary "fixed income." I have internet from Comcast, but I can't afford TV too. If they increase the rates too much more, I'll have some hard decisions to make.

## Rene Ramirez

## Oxnard, CA

I am regular tax payer that does not earn a great living. Having said that, I do not approve of Comcast merger with TWC because that would mean a monopoly and we all know what that would bring. I cannot afford higher prices on TV, Cable and Internet. Please, Stop this merger in its tracks. Think about the people and it's needs. Comcast does not need more money in the bank. Respectively yours, Rene Ramirez. Cynthia Barnes

Los Gatos, CA

I am protesting the merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We do not need a monopoly that provides poor service and outrageous charges. Who will keep them in line! Where I live I only have one option and that is Comcast. Would love to have options since we live in a free market society. Torger Johnson Oakland, CA

I am pretty sure that people currently feel that they have too few choices in content providers. Allowing Comcast to merge with another huge media conglomerate would impact consumers negatively.

#### Dr. Nicole Cherok

#### San Mateo, CA

I am outraged that corporations have monopolized our telecommunications industry. In Europe it is considered a utility and regulated as such. That way everyone has access and it's inexpensive. Our FCC is too afraid of corporate power to do that in our country.Here in the U.S., we pay ever escalating, ridiculously high rates, for ever worsening service. The pundits say that we HAVE to have corporate control of our telecom industry because of the cost of innovation. From the studies I've read, corporations use very little of their tremendous profits for research. It mostly goes to their shareholders. Meanwhile, many areas of the U.S. are under served or poorly served. And now they want to have "Slow Internet" for us plebians and "Fast Internet" for those who can pay a premium. Please say "NO" to the merger. T.I 1 1 C 11

Michael Crosby

Brentwood, CA

I am opposed to this merger. This move will minimize choices and only serve to reduce competition. Please lat the meter!

Anthony Katsaris Davis, CA I am opposed to the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Please represent the public's interest by blocking this move. Thank you, Anthony Katsaris 2710 Emerald Bay Drive Davis, CA 95618

### Joel Isaacson

## Berkeley, CA

I am opposed to the merger between Comcast and Time Warner cable. The result would be to raise prices and reduce choices. That is, once in the saddle Comcast could use its monopoly power in restrictive ways that will be of no benefit to the public/ Sharon Saldavia Santa Cruz, CA I am opposed to the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger. It will be detrimental to me as a citizen and a consumer. Please block this merger!

## Phyllis Lazar Sherman Oaks, CA

I am opposed to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. If this were to happen, Comcast would dominate the California market. With that kind of power, our freedom of choice, free market competition, price controls, etc. get taken away from us and that is a very scary proposition to say the least. Thank you for saying "NO!" to this merger.

# sue vojak

Oakland, CA

I am opposed to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger and believe the merger is not only not in the best interests of consumers but also detrimental to them.

## Lisa Roth Tracy, CA

I am opposed to the Comcast & TimeWarner merger because it is not in my best interests as a consumer, and it is not in the best interests of our state, or country. Comcast has held the the industry's worst customer service record - not just some years, but for decades. Additionally, their pricing and product availability is nothing short of bait & switch. Giving the same company control of both the lion's share of content & the distribution of that content will diminish the quality of service, the availability of service & product, while increasing the cost for all of it. No way is this a benefit to California's entertainment industry, or to the internet companies that rely on net neutrality. And by-the-way, it's not just "entertainment" - it's access to everything: news, information, unpopular or minority

## Edwin Castleman

Sebastopol, CA

I am opposed to monopolies in principal and specifically oppose any attempt by ComCast and Time Warner to create a monopolistic entity. I am also a registered voter and will certainly vote against any politician who supports monopolistic activities. Please keep in mind that the PUC is an appointed position and is not subject to automatic renewal. Much like the politicians who appointed the members of the PUC.

#### Alan Fanning

San Jose, CA

I am opposed to Comcast's purchase of Time Warner on the grounds that it will allow Comcast to dominate the market, without suitable competition to keep prices in check.

## Sarah LETTS-SMITH

#### Murrieta, CA

I am not interested in having FEWER options when it comes to cable coverage. I already find the lack of competition in this area frustrating. It is NOT in the public interest to give one company such a huge advantage over others - in the "old" days, this would be called a monopoly and would violate anti-trust laws. Where is the protection from anti-trust these days? Who speaks for the public? YOU DO. Please vote NO to this merger as being detrimental to competition and the public interest.

E C Whit, CA I am just about ready to say goodbye to television!

H. Fitzgerald Sherman Oaks, CA I am indeed truly sick of exorbitant and regularly escalating prices while the service is lousy at best. I find the concept of this merger appalling, and I can't imagine any rationale for allowing it to happen. Please do not allow this merger to take place.

Eileen Parker Los Angeles,, CA I am in a nursing home. Without the television go keep me interested I'd lose interest in much of life. PLease control Comcast so that a merger does not happen

## Richard Gillam

#### San Jose, CA

I am hard-pressed to see how letting Comcast and Time Warner Cable merge benefits me as a consumer. I am currently a Comcast customer, and while I have yet to suffer something as bad as the horror stories that have circulated around the Internet, I am not satisfied with the service they provide me. I have suffered from many slow and ineffectual responses to service requests and spotty reliability of my cable TV connection, all while receiving relentless price increases averaging out to about \$10 a year-- on tops of prices that were already too high. (In fairness, I've found their Internet and VoIP service acceptable, if not stellar.) I'd shop around, but there are no real alternatives in the area where I live. No one else offers Internet service to my house for anything close to Comcast's speed, and my only other . 11. 

#### Karmin Davis

#### Sutter, CA

I am fed up with high prices and lousy service for phone and broadband services. It is an extremely bad idea to allow Comcast to control California's market! It must be stopped and fair market opportunities must be encouraged to keep costs competitive. Stop the merger. Jamie Flaherty

Fresno, CA

I am fed up with high prices and lousy service for phone and broadband services. A Comcast merger with TimeWaner will only make the situation worse and won't benefit the consumers. Please don't allow that to happen. Thank you Roberta E. Newman Mill Valley, CA I am fed up with high prices and lousy service for phone and broadband services and no free choice.

#### Craig McCulloch

Sacramento, CA

I am currently a customer of Comcast paying in excess of \$200 monthly. I believe additional competition in the market is needed to prevent increased monopolistic business practices. Please stop the proposed merger with Time Warner Cable.

## Tonya Chrislu Santa Clarita, CA

I am concerned that, if this merger goes through, there will be too few companies to chose from. The lack of free-market competition will drive rates up and there will be no incentive to provide good service. I urge you to keep this merger from going through.

## Dorothy Olsen

San Diego, CA

I am completely against the Comcast Time Warner merger. I am forced to pay outrageously high prices for subpar service and I have no other choice for cable service in my area. Cox cable has a monopoly in the city that I live in and I am frustrated that I have no other options! I do not support a monopolization of cable services because it gives consumers even less of an option than they already have. The result of the merger will be consumers dealing with high prices and subpar service quality.

## Nilesh Patel

#### Glendale, CA

I am completely against Comcast taking over the cable service in my area. My current provider has recently been providing good service and having Comcast will only ruin that. I have had Comcast service in the past and it was overpriced and terrible. I do not want them taking over my current service.

#### **Richard Ryon**

Livermore, CA

I am both a subscriber to all services of Comcast and a stock holder of the company. I obviously want the company to do well, but in our capitalist society, they should have competition in the marketplace. If the Comcast - Time Warner merger happens, there won't be much competition in California.

## Gertrude Reagan Palo Alto, CA

I am an artist with a website. It has a lot of pictures. I want it to load as fast as everyone elses'. I want to access the information of small nonprofits fast. I am also a Comcast customer (without cable TV) and think Comcast is overpriced. If California can block this merger, it could stop that whole monopolistic power grab!

## Heinrich Hunziker Saratoga, CA

I am already suffering from the market distortion caused by dominance of a single company: Comcast is the only provider of fast internet service in my area. I have no TV, by choice, and use only the internet. For 2015 I am forced to subscribe to a combined TV plus internet package, because it is less expensive than internet alone. Clearly, the pricing of internet alone is abusive, made possible by Comcast's monopoly. Comcast uses it unfairly to underprice its TV service.

## Ray Kronquist

San Jose, CA

I am against this merger. Comcast gives terrible service, and a merger with Time Warner would make the situation much worse. Please, Please, do NOT approve this merger.

## JAMES PARROTTE SAN DIEGO, CA

I am against this merger because I see no way it will either lower costs or provide more needed competition in either the cable or ISP marketplace. I am also sure that the price will not only go up, but value for that cost will go down. In short, the proposed merger does nothing to serve consumers, but only serves the shareholders of the companies.

Sandra Jackson

## MONTEREY, CA

I am against the Time-Warner/Comcast merger Please do NOT approve this merger. This would be a complete horizontal and vertical integration; It is dangerous. If the Federal Communications Commission approves the merger, Comcast would have unparalleled dominance over both the hard and soft parts of cable TV: infrastructure and content. The new company would have outsized leverage when dealing with other content providers. The merger could "give the new company undue influence over the potential success of cable channels whose programming might compete with Comcast's." This merger could restrict the diversity of voices Americans see and hear and picks the pockets of middle-income Americans.

Bleu Borkowski West Hollywood, CA I am AGAINST the merger. Time Warner is already a bad company that continuously throttles the internet. If a larger company takes over it will become worse. I will switch to a different company

Carol Hargin Granada Hills, CA I am against the Comcast bid to take over Time Warner Cable because it will destroy my freedom to choose.

michael mascioli San Francisco, CA I am against monopolies and corporate takeovers. No single company should be allowed to maintain control of so much of the market. PLEASE STOP THE COMCAST TIME-WARNER TAKEOVER!!!

Sharon Lerner Calabasas, CA

I am a Time-Warner customer. The current trend to merge huge companies is at a huge detriment to the ordinary consumer. I hope you will not approve the proposed merger between Time-Warner and Comcast. Actually, I don't think other large public and private companies should merge.

Tay Cooper Carlsbad, CA

I am a Time Warner customer. If the merger with Comcast is approved there will be fewer choices than we already have. A hallmark of a free market is competition. Please do not lessen the competition for California consumers. Reject the merger.

## M P

Palm Springs, CA

I am a Time Warner customer. Current service is not good and prices just keep getting higher with no improvement. The combination of Time Warner with Comcast will only make matters worse for the consumers. Time to say NO to these large corporations and moving closer to a monopoly.

## Phillip Randall

Woodland Hills, CA

I am a Time Warner Cable customer. Comcast is worse than Time Warner Cable. Combining these two companies would result in my receiving poorer service than my existing poor service. Please do not allow this merger.

#### Ar Foster Crockett, CA

I am a single, disabled older woman, confined to my home, where I have very little contact with anyone other than phone calls with my daughter once a week. I have several medical conditions, including three that are potentially life-threatening. If it weren't for my doctor visits, I'd probably have no real contact with the outside world; the only "people" I have to keep me company now are the ones I enjoy as I watch television. People, especially my daughter, say that I spend way too much on my cable bill, and I fully agree. It's very difficult to pay such a high price for what some consider a luxury on such a tiny disability income. However, at its current rate, I get the programming I really want and need to keep my brain stimulated and alive. Unfortunately, if the rate goes any higher, or if the selection is reduced

## Jim Staples

Carmel, CA

I am a professional installer. There is already a monopoly and the rates have skyrocketed. We need competition, not take over. Time Warner merger is a disaster.

## Bruce Shourt

Concord, CA

I am a low-income senior and Comcast is the only truly useful broadband provider at my address and I can barely afford it even with their "promotion" pricing. (I cannot afford their TV service at all so I receive my TV via an antenna.) Please don't let Comcast become an even bigger and stronger monopoly.

## Kim Svetich-Will

Monterey, CA

I am a long-time, very unsatisfied Comcast client. I am fed up with their increasingly high prices and poor broadband services. This merger will only give them complete authority and control - and our internet service will continue to be slower than that of many developing nations. Don't let them monopolize the market any more. Please block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. John Hudson

San Francisco, CA

I am a long-time San Francisco resident. I have spent much time reading the pros and cons of the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner. I am unalterably opposed to this merger and expect the Commissioners of the PUC to also oppose this action.

### Michael Brainard

## Lancaster, CA

I am a former Time Warner customer who left them because of constantly rising prices and removal of channels from the tier I was on. When Time Warner bought out our local cable company, Jones Intercable, they promised no price hikes on completion of the deal. Well, that was only partially true. The prices went up during the approval period instead. Very shady indeed. By the time I left them, prices had more than tripled over the years, and in return for the increases, they removed many channels from my price level. At the end I was paying almost \$100.00 a month for the level just above the very basic. Way to rich for my blood! No business should be allowed a monopoly in any service area. Only bad things can result for customers! Please do not allow this merger to occur. Thank you for your • 1 .• **N** *I* <sup>1</sup>

## Holly McDonough

Kensington, CA

I am a customer of Comcast. I really do not like the monopoly they have. They charge really high rates and then increase fees for no good reason. I really want to cancel them, but there are no other providers. Please keep competition alive.

#### Steven Luher

#### Los Alamitos, CA

I am a current customer of Time Warner Cable in Southern California. The price for internet-only service has increased each year I have been a customer. Any possible merger with Comcast would leave less competition in my market and no way to reduce the continuing price increases. Please vote NO to the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Thank you for your consideration. Steven E. Luher

## Sylvia Torres Fairfax, CA

I am a Comcast user, they have the most manipulative pricing and the worst customer service possible. Please do not reward this despicable company by allowing to become an even more powerful and monopolizing empire of disfunction and extortion.

#### Mark Smith Belmont, CA

I am a Comcast customer. They train their support reps to consistently say less-than-truthful things to customers. An email conversion forced on me by Comcast, and then fumbled badly, cost me 2 working DAYS of time to repair. I could add 8 more examples. What we do not need is ANY move toward less competition in the delivery of Internet services. Many developed nations consider a fast Internet a prerequisite to good education and economic growth--but here, in the U.S., our speeds are much SLOWER than most of those countries. This is the result of too much market power.

Don Vincent

#### Castro Valley, CA

I am a Comcast customer. I wish I had another option for my Internet service. When I called in for customer service they were very arrogant. I believe that that is because they have a monopoly on the market in my area. I would like to see them have more competition take control the market.

## Adele Framer

San Francisco, CA

I am a Comcast customer in San Francisco. Because of its virtual monopoly of broadband, to me the relationship is one of indentured servitude. Their charges are excessive and they have no shame squeezing the market as much as possible. I loathe speaking to their support people. Even the simplest question turns into a multi-part, multi-hour torture session. I beg of you, do not give Comcast more power in California. Please help the people of California get access to reasonable, well-run broadband. Oppose the merger with Time Warner Cable. Jay Atkinson

El Sobrante, CA

I am a Comcast customer --- certainly not by any kind of free choice between attractive options --- and I can testify that trying to talk to their customer representatives about their policies and rates is like talking to a brick wall. Whatever responsiveness they have to customer complaints or suggestions is guided only by what loss of a customer will mean to their bottom line and certainly not by any concern for the common good.

Wendy Czarnecki Petaluma, CA I am a Californian fed up with high prices and lousy service for phone and broadband services. I don't think this merger will benefit me or other Californians and I ask you to block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. Janice Brown

Calistoga, CA

I am 83 years old and love my TV. However, Comcast is making it difficult to keep my present service with them as the price is escalating every few weeks. A merger with Time-Warner would lead to Them having a virtual monopoly on this industry. I urge you to NOT allow this merger!

No James Bustamante San Diego, CA I Also Say "No" to the Comcast and Time Warner merger! Scott Cookson Encinitas, CA I already have too few choices in cable TV and Internet. This is a move in the wrong direction.

#### Patrick Burns

#### Santa Monica, CA

I add my "NO" vote on the Comcast / Time Warner Cable merger. Telephone, Internet and (to a lesser extent) television are crucial mediums for our national democracy and local news and culture. The CPUC and citizenry of California cannot allow such large, forprofit mergers and acquisitions of these key communications utilities, only to have them later be held hostage (vie rising user fees, restricted access to non-commercial content, etc.). These consolidations reduce competition among service providers, reduce choices for consumers, and crowd out the market. In every way, such a merger would be unhealthy for our state, save for the shareholders of these corporations.

Robert Latter Manhattan Beach, CA

I adamantly oppose the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger. It is clear to me that as the number of players in an industry shrinks, prices increase and service quality decreases. (Witness the airlines for a recent example.) As PUC commissioners, your job is to protect the California consumer. Please do this, and reject the merger.

Dennis Christopher Redding, CA I absolutely disagree with allowing Comcast control of California cable customers This company shows time after time that it cannot be trusted. Please put a stop to this!!

# MIke Savidge

piedmont, CA

I already feel like comcast has us over a barrel with their mononpoly on cable lines in our area and shoddy programming. why would you give them an increased market share and cut down on healthy competition needed in TV cable and internet service with increasing costs, poor service with cable going out, and no reason to improve?

Jeff McDonald Los Angeles, CA How much did you get paid off by the big corporations?? You should be taken out of office if you approve this fraud! Boris Yatovitz

Mountain View,, CA

How many times has Comcast raised prices for service they decided to provide though you do not and did not as for those services? I've had to fight with them numerous times and am still paying for services I did not want. Please don't give them any more power to charge for services we don't want. And yes,I'm still with Comcast because they are the only provider for some programs we want.
Vanessa Hunter San Bernardino, CA How is this not a monopoly. I believe your job is to stop companies from being too big that they have all the power. Louisa Nahem Santa Rosa, CA

How is it possible for this to even be in the offing? Isn't it already well-established that this would constitute a monopoly? And isn't it also well-established that this lack of real competition invariably raises prices? And isn't this tenet of economics & capitalism still taught, (as it was in my time), in middle (jr. high) school economics classes??? Vote this horror show down!

Manou Salehi

Vista, CA

How can two bad choices make one good choice? This merger must be stopped in California. It is another very bad merger that surly results in declining service and price hick. George Foster San Diego, CA How can this possibly be in the public interest? Neither company has a reputation for good customer service, efficiency or fair cost. Combining them is supposed to help in some way? I think not.

Richard Keller Fremont, CA How can having a vertical monopoly better serve California? I have had COMCAST since it first came to California and like it, but my bil has risen steadily. If this merger is approved it will only get worse. Lowell Richardson

Fair Oaks, CA

How can anyone believe that the merger of Comcast and Time Warner be in the public's best interest? It is obvious that continuing to consolidate cable companies into the hands fewer owners means less competition, fewer choices and higher prices for the American consumer. All of this while the Americans already pay some pf the highest rates in the developed world for fewer services. David Paul Turlock, CA How big do they need to get before you say, " Enough is enough"?

## DAYLE PIPHER

#### Fontana, CA

Honorable Commissioners: Please do not allow this merger. I cancelled Time Warner because of continued problems with their equipment and service. Also, every month my bill would increase by a few cents to a few dollars without any explanation. I can't even imagine what will happen if this merger takes place. Competition is what made our country so great, without it we, the consumer, have no voice.

James QUINN Oakland, CA high prices and terrible service are reason enough to block the Comcast-Time Werner merger. Joan Weaver Chatsworth, CA High Prices and Shitty Service !!! NO TO COMCAST/TIME WARNER MERGER !!!

Hildegarde Evans Sacramento, CA High prices and poor service not wanted. David Woods San Lorenzo, CA High prices and poor service already exist in California. We need more competition in this area, not less. Joan Colonna Santa Cruz, CA High prices and no other option for other carriers? Doesn't sound like a good idea to me. I'm against the merger. It limits our options. Thank you. Joan Colonna Jim Frankola Saratoga, CA

Hi, I am a libertarian that leans republican. As such I am pro-competition, which means that I am sometimes anti-M&A. I believe that the consolidation of our network and content providers is lowering quality and increasing costs. Please stop this transaction.

Scott Laabs

Newbury Park, CA

Hi there, please do not let the Comcast/Time Warner merger go through! We already have FAR too few options available to us, and this will limit competition even further. I can think of no reason this merger is in the best interest of me, the consumer. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Scott Laabs Dallis Nordstrom Rohde Berkeley, CA Hi - As an existing Comcast customer, I urge you to reject this merger as it will result in less choice for consumers and this is bad for me and bad for California.

Ken Buchanan Penn Valley, CA Help my family please. Say "No" to Comcast. Joe New

Fremont, CA

Hello. This note is in regard to the proposed merger of Time-Warner and Comcast. Both those companies, in my experience, have consistently shown that customer satisfaction is an unwelcome chore to them, a chore which they have been eager (and inventive) to escape. I feel that allowing them to merge would give the resulting entity an invulnerable position of power from which it would freely exercise the anti-customer business practices toward which the two component corporations are already very heavily inclined. Thank you. I sincerely hope that your commission will spare me and other Californians from an amplification of the rapacious greed that characterizes both Comcast and Time-Warner. Anne Schroder Sebastopol, CA Hello CPUC, We strongly disagree with any merger for Comcast and Time Warner. The Comcast service, extremely high prices, and practical monopoly is bad enough right now and will only become worse if such a merger becomes a realty. Thanks, Anne & Keith Schroder

Chris Stephens Mountain View, CA Healthy competition is the heart of capitalism.

#### Stacy Slossy

## Los Angeles, CA

Having choices is mandatory to keep companies from gouging the consumer and taking advantage of them. Right now, Time Warner is horrible to deal with. I've called them numerous times about billing, rates and billing cycles just to hear them tell me they can't help. Merging with Comcast will only make it worse for the consumer. Stop the merger and let the consumers have a voice with a choice. Kathy Sabatini

Fair Oaks, CA

Having been a Comcast customer several times in California, I would like to share that the service was often interrupted or required excessive rebooting. I have a choice of providers where I live now and I do not choose Comcast. In addition to less than satisfactory service, the price is too high for the content.

## Stephanie Lovell

Berkeley, CA

Having a company like Comcast assert a monopoly in a market as big as California is just a bad idea, start to finish. Consumers will be affected negatively with limited and markedly more expensive options. Decreasing the capitalist competitive forces at play here is going to be worse for consumers and is just un-American. Christian Zibach

Santa Barbara, CA

Having a choice is democratic. Having no choice is communist. Please reconsider our options and let this be an open market for other cable companies to provide more choices for consumers in california and country wide. Thank you Robertta Clarke Los Altos Hills, CA Have only had bad experiences with Comcast. This would just extend the pain and annoyance. Certainly not good for anyone other than Comcast. James Dwyer Claremont, CA

Greetings! It is difficult to imagine what improvements can come from merging two internet providers known for poor service in many regards. Recent consumer unhappiness over blockage of coverage of athletics as well as other issues of content control and pricing indicate that we do not need or want this merger of TWC into Comcast. Thank you for considering using your authority responsibly to block the deal.

Damian Cano El Cerrito, CA Greed has its limits. Basta! William Atkins San Francisco, CA Granting Comcast near monopoly power in California by taking over Time Warner is bad for consumer choice and competition.

Mary Ann De La Cruz Oxnard, CA

Giving us fewer choices is a very bad idea. It is also something you are not suppose to do and that is giving a monopoly to any business. That is what you would be doing by allowing Comcast to merge with Time Warner. Please do the job you are suppose to do and do not allow the merger. Richard Sarro west sacramento, CA Giving comcast a monopoly jn CA, serves no one. Their service stinks and they already gouge. Dont give them power to do us worse. Zach Roether Santa Barbara, CA

Giving Comcast a monopoly in the state of California is a terrible idea. This will hurt consumers and drive prices up, because with no competition, Comcast would be able to charge whatever they want. The middle and lower classes are already being squeezed to the max. and cannot afford anymore. Kevin Liebeck Huntington Beach, CA

Given the poor customer service and exorbitant pricing Comcast and TWC provided when they were competitors, the last thing we need to foster is their merger into an even larger corporate entity with a broader monopoly. We've already seen Dodgers fans locked out of a season of baseball as a casualty of negotiations that very clearly placed profit ahead of the interest of the customer. This merger would make further instances of that conduct more likely, not less. There is no upside for Californians here. Please block this merger in California.

Edwin Glaser Napa, CA Give us more choices. Keep the marketplace competitive. Don't allow Comcast to take over Time Warner cable. Preston Plumb San Diego, CA

Gentlemen: I have had no experience with Comcast but my dealings with Time Warner cable are the worst of any company I deal with. My sense is that this stems from the lack of market alternatives and I oppose any policy that would potentially reduce competition.

Melony Paulson Diamond Bar, CA From those I've talked with who have Comcast, customer care is virtually nil. With this merger I'm sure customer protections will be lessened. Isn't it about time the customer is important!!

David Ferguson Mill Valley, CA Free and Competitive Utilities not Monopolies. Harriett & Len Gordon Santa Rosa, CA For years I had bad service as an unwilling customer where Comcast dominated my neighborhood. I don't want them to dominate ANY MORE of our economy. I say NO TO COMCAST! Jerome Dayton

Carpinteria, CA

For a market known for poor service and high prices we're going to allow two of the culprits to merge? I can't see how this will lead to anything other than even higher prices and worse service. Please stop this merger.

# Phillip Black

## Upland, CA

First I oppose this merger. We are living in an illusion of choice which in reality does not exist. I don't see how this can be in the public's best interest. I am already paying a fortune for mediocre service and quality. The corporations that serves us and our elected officials do not have the public's interest in mind. What happened to competition that leads to better choices. What happened to the laws against monopolys. What happened to enforcing regulations in the public interest?

Jennifer Spencer San Diego, CA Fewer mergers = More competition = Better service = Better price for consumers. Big mergers = Less competition = Lousy service = Higher prices for consumers.

# Simona MacAngus

## Woodland, CA

Fewer choices always lead to higher prices and less content. Please don't cast a vote which leads to less choice and more money down the tube. (pun intended). Why would you do that to California citizens and their families? Media giants don't have public welfare at the core of their business ethos. But you are supposed to have public welfare as YOUR ethos. Please - as my representative - take the action that leads to competitive choice, wider content and best prices for the people you serve. Thank you!

John Bennett

## San Jose, CA

existing separate cable providers should be independent and not merged into Comcast. We have enough business monopolies without adding another !! Dean Mixon Costa Mesa, CA Everyone knows that monopolies are bad. Comcast wants to be a monopoly. You can and should stop them.

## Karen Bell Riverside, CA

Everyone I know who has TWC, has changed or would like to change. In addition, those of us who are Dodgers fans and do not have access to TWC have been shut out from nearly all games in the 2014 season. Why? Apparently because TWC wants to charge far more than previous cable providers. TWC is a bad sport and should not be rewarded with such an un-democratic, un-American, and pro-monopoly practice.

## Karen Bell

Riverside, CA

Everyone I know who has TWC has changed or wishes they could change to a different cable service. Those of us who do not have access to TWC were shut out from nearly all Dodgers' game during the 2014 season. Why? Because TWC charged too much for service to local cable companies. TWC should not be rewarded for engaging in such an anti-democratic, anti-American, pro-monopoly practice.

Diane McLaughlin Culver City, CA Everyone I know that belongs to Comcast has horror stories about this company's terrible service. Please don't subject us all to their control.

Maria Hernandez

Glen Ellen, CA

Everyday we see our voices being ignored by the Government and we see the power and greed of the corporations being rewarded. Stand with the people of California and say No to the merger, it is NOT in the best interest of the public. Sincerely, Maria Hernandez Bernard Lefson Santa Rosa, CA Every time we lose competitors the public loses. Rates go up and service goes down. Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

# Sheila Toabe Davis

North Hollywood, CA

Every time a much-touted telecom merger/takeover has occurred, consumers have been promised increased choice and benefits. I cannot think of one time that this has actually happened. Rates go up, channel choices are decreased and service generally gets worse. There is too little choice as it is now; having one more megamammoth in control will make things even worse. I oppose the joining of ComCast and Time Warner. For once it would be nice for the consumer to get MORE choice instead of less.

Margaret Widdicombe Novato, CA Even without the merger charges are escalating at a frightening pace.

Mason Wheeler Glendale, CA Even considering this merger at all is insane. Why is the question we are asking "should Comcast be allowed to grow larger?" rather than "should Comcast be broken up for its myriad, well-documented abuses?" Shannon Healey

San Carlos, CA

Enough with mega corporations that only care about profits and not about the quality of the services they provide. DO NOT allow the Time Warner Cable merger!!! It's a bad idea for everyone other than their shareholders.

Margaret Dawson Huntington Beach, CA Enough with big business taking over our lives. Michael Sandler Los Angeles, CA Enough of this "corporate creep". We need competition for fairness and true democracy in all areas. Please listen to US, THE PEOPLE. Lala Khanian West Hollywood, CA Enough is enough! Sally DeHart Oakland, CA Enough is enough Comcast. I will boycott your corporation and protest in every way possible. Letters, emails, phone calls, Facebook, social media. Stop your greed now! Sally DeHart 6353 Florio Street Oakland, CA 94618

Barbara Cody Thousand Oaks, CA Enough is enough Milton Cruz Los Angelea, CA End monopolies... Sherman Antitrust Act!

Carolina Campos Northridge, CA Encouraging monopolies is detrimental to consumers! Stewart Lauterbach Santa Rosa, CA Encourage competition, Not monopoly. Stop the Comcast/Time Warner merger J Philip Van Nest Morgan Hill, CA Eliminating competition will almost always result in higher prices! Please do not allow this merger to happen. Vera Calabria Porter Ranch, CA

Don't sell the people out! It has never happened before that less competition creates better prices, and it will not happen now. Considering the fact that Comcast is famous for high prices and awful customer service, we the people, would end up being relentlessly milked and treated like cattle on top of that. Don't sell California out!

John D Smith Folsom, CA Don't see any economic or communication need for increasing the regional monopoly of this industry. Smaller industries in greater numbers at the regional level are a smarter economic solution. And lets limit dollars lobbyist can give to these communication giants. Paula Martin

San Jose, CA

Don't make us hate Comcast more than we already do. For businesses in my part of the state, it is e necessary evil. The service is okay (when it works), but service is rude and un-helpful. Businesses can't have their Internet down. What would Comcast be like if there was NO competition?

Rich Moser Santa Barbara, CA Don't make me PUC! Keep the internet fair, noncorporate and non-altered! Don't let Comcast buy the PUC the way SCE already has......

William Ferguson Los Angeles, CA Don't limit our choices this way. Keep the market alive! Say NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Kim DeRemer Healdsburg, CA Don't let this merger happen! With no competition, there is nothing to rein in prices. We don't need a cable monopoly! Jon Schroeder Novato, CA Don't let these greedy bastards monopolize and control our media even more so than it already is. Please take a stand for all Californians and stop the Comcast megacorporate merger!!!

## Kate McDonald

Davis, CA

Don't let the Comcast Time Warner merger go through! stop it! We pay \$175 a month (!) for Internet and a modest cable package. My husband is in poor health and not mobile which is the only reason we pay for this because he can't get around. How do families afford these rates? This is too much. Don't give Comcast the horrible company have more power. Thank you.

#### Raul Arreaza

Valencia, CA

Don't let the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger happen, it's bad for consumers, it's bad for CA. Cable companies hold content producers and consumers hostage, and this merger, if approved, will be make things worst for everyone.

Martha Teeter Davis, CA Don't let Comcast merge and change the rules! This is monopoly.

Mike Kassis Roseville, CA DON'T LET COMCAST KILL THE COMPETITION Jeffrey Perrone San Francisco, CA Don't let Comcast increase it's stranglehold on the cable market. Reject the Comcast / Time Warner Cable merger.

Steve Wolan Berkeley, CA Don't let Comcast expand their near monopoly over internet and cable TV services in California.

David Ammar Poway, CA Dont let Comcast dominate the market. We need more smaller players not a single behemoth Diana Lowe El Dorado, CA Don't let Comcast do with internet access that AT&T did with phone service.

Russell Causey San Jose, CA Don't let Comcast become a monopoly! Gerald Pasa Modesto, CA Don't let Comcast be the only cable provider Stanley Murashige La Habra, CA Don't let Comcast - notoriously bad service, increasingly higher prices - monopolize the California market. Why keep us trapped in mediocre service and non-globally competitive bandwidth?

Rita Hart Groveland, CA Don't let "Big Business" own both our Federal Government and the means of communication. This merger will stifle competition!

Ruthann White

Hercules, CA

Don't lessen competition any more than it already is. Comcast now has my phone, my Internet, and my television signal. If you allow then to merge with Time Warner they will be able to DICTATE my options as well as the cost and this is just to much control for one company. Please stand up for the public you serve. Aj Neogi Hayward, CA Don't kill competition by creating a monopoly. Don't allow the Comcast and Time Warner merger.

Dam Spahn Chico, CA Don't be evil. Martin Iseri Fair Oaks, CA Don't be a corporate pawn, and don't the people of California become corporate serfs to Comcast. Democracy (or not) is in your hands right now. Lonnie Barish

San Ramon, CA

Don't allow this monopoly to continue to grow. As their customer, I can tell you their service is terrible, their pricing is high, and their attitude towards us is equally poor. Until there was AT&T UVerse (competition) it was even worse!

Nick Tahoosie

L.A., CA

Does anyone remember when the telephone monopolies were broken up? Check the archives. Underline the word PUBLIC. We have the same problem now yet nobody is willing to anger Comcast and TimeWarner. Why not? Who are you supposed to be representing?

Robert Joice

El Segundo, CA

Does allowing the worst cable company to merge (take over) the second worst cable company, thereby creating virtual regional monopolies, make sense to anyone who is not being compensated to look the other way? Gloria Bram

Garden Grove, CA

Do you remember when the FCC forced the breakup of AT&T. A lot of good that did. We have more monopolies now and fewer choices. Ive been thinking of switching to Time-Warner cable, but wont if this merger goes through,

Uel Jones Mountain View, CA Do what is in the best interest of the citizens of California and block the Comcast merger. Gary S Sullivan Sebastopol, CA Do what is best for the people! .Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Chris Eckeard

Pomona, CA

Do not support the merger of Comcast to Time Warner. These to companies have not benefited the communities that they serve and the limited or no choice of other providers makes the citizen consumer locked into service by sub par service industry providers. Please do not allow these to companies to merge. Pietro Poggi

San Rafael, CA

Do not shrink competition and reward these companies for terrible monopolistic practices. We want more choices and reasonable rates, not fewer choices and unreasonably high rates. We are your constituents.

Edward Redondo San Diego, CA Do not lit big-money influence your decision. Work for the people of California. Nancy Joan Ray Stockton, CA Do not let Time Warner and Comcast merge. Competition is healthy for our economy, and their merger could push up prices and services.

Robert Redmon Encinitas, CA Do not let them take over. Martin Baclija Indio, CA Do not let Comcast unfairly control cable and internet prices. They will not have any incentive to improve their services and consumers will suffer as a result.

#### Brian Hartlin

Pleasanton, CA

DO NOT let Comcast Time Warner merge. We have been stuck with them for YEARS and not only is the service HORRIBLE from both, but the prices we are forced to pay because of no competition are so high and keep increasing. Do not reward this merger with your approval. We are the victims. Protect us. Gregg Sparkman

Palo Alto, CA

Do not let Comcast and Time Warner Cable to merge! The more control these companies have the less choice and competition in the market, the worse the services for consumers. The oligopoly is becoming a monopoly! Common!

Ronald Ramos Santa Clara, CA Do not approve the Comcast - Time/Warner merger as it WILL result in higher costs and reduced customer service just as the earlier mergers have resulted in Comcast being the only choice and highest cost for true high speed internet service. Consumers are already having problems with cable and satellite service and cost. We need more competition not less!

Scott Wolf Los Angeles, CA Do not allow monopoly control of the cable system.

Jeanne Sto SF, CA Do not allow comcast to take over time warner david cruzen Fullerton, CA DO NOT ALLOW Comcast to merge with time warner. Ends competition in the market. Richard Medina FREMONT, CA Do not allow Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Paul Stewart Hemet, CA Diversity in goods and services provides an impetus for competitive pricing and innovative advances that are beneficial for both the provider and the consumer. When these elements are absent the results are, inevitably, a monopolistic environment. Consumers deserve better than that.

Colin Campbell Covina, CA Diseconomies of agglomeration serve no one. Elizabeth Bain Alameda, CA Depriving consumers of choice leads to crappy customer experiences. As a local monopoly, Comcast's legendarily bad customer service will only get worse. Lack of competition hurrts consumers

Alaudin Bhatia Rohnert Park, CA DEFINITELY A NO NO. AND HOW ABOUT GIVING THE SENIORS AND STUDENTS A BREAK ON THESE RIDICULOUSLY HIGH RATES. I HAVE BEEN A COMCAST CUSTOMER FOR A LONG TIME AND ONE THING I HAVE NOTICED IS THEIR COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THEIR SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS IS AWFUL THIS MAYBE THEIR OUTSOURCING THEIR CUSTOMER RELATIONS IS TERRIBLE. I AM NOT A SUPPORTED OF AT&T BUT I AM VERY CLOSE TO SIGN UP WITH THEM BECAUSE THEIR RATE IS FAR LESSER THAN COMCAST, SO HERE IT IS I JUST SAID IT. SO IN SUMMING UP I REQUEST COMCAST TO CONSIDER REDUCING THEIR RATES FOR SENIORS AND STUDENTS BEFORE 

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## Bruce Kincaid

Discovery Bay, CA

Dear Sirs: I'm in a subdivision where only Comcast is available for non-satellite TV/internet/phone [I gather from AT&T that the developer made a deal w/Comcast, since AT&T is available all around us]. So, I've experienced the Comcast monopoly - please block the merger! Thank you. Bruce Kincaid 3214 Lookout Point Loop Discovery Bay, CA 94505-1860 Phillip Snyder

Upland, CA

Dear PUC, Please do not allow the merger of Com Cast And Time Warner. If these corporate entities are not controlled by price controls then competition should do the trick. KEEP CA CABLE MARKETS COMPETITIVE! NO MERGER!

Mary Tuteur Graton, CA Dear PUC, I am already paying too much to Comcast for too little. Please protect the citizens you work for and BLOCK Comcast's bid to take over Time Warner Cable! Richard Whitall Napa, CA Dear PUC members; I am deeply concerned about the monopoly that this merger potentially creates. Comcast already charges me outrageous prices for cable and internet service. Please reject this merger proposal and maintain at least SOME competition in the marketplace.

# Dennis Ely

Los Gatos, CA

Dear PUC commissioners, If you really hurry, you can absolutely destroy what is a wonderful system, and hell, you may even receive some bags of cash from Comcast. So please don't even think about we on the lower scale of citizenship. After all, isn't all about cash, and still more cash for the wealthy who now want power! Carol W Peek

Solana Beach, CA

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners, I believe Comcast's plan to takeover Time Warner Cable is not in my best interest, nor is it best for California. Please block the merger. Thank you for the work you do to serve our state. Sincerely, Carol W Peek Box 726 Solana Beach, Ca. 92075

# Richard Kiner

Anaheim, CA

Dear Public Utilities Commission I don't think this merger will benefit any one living in California bigger is not better. You as our state's Public Utility Commission can block this merger in California if you thinks it's a bad deal for residents. If Comcast can't control the lucrative California market, it could abandon this entire mega-merger! I am asking the PUC right now to stop the merger I don't want Comcast to dominate my choices. I am sick of high prices and lousy service with either Time Warner or Comcast, make sure those voting member of the Board deciding this bad deal know it! Thank you!

### Fang Hsu

Irvine, CA

Dear Commissioners, Please let us suffer less with the already lack of choices of the local cable carriers in our community. Less competition will just add more salt to the wounds. Thank you for your kind consideration

## Nitin Muppalaneni

Los Altos, CA

Dear Commissioners, I am very much opposed to being forced to buy bundled plans. I believe we will end up with bundled options and pay more for things I don't use. Or I will be offered an unbundled service at a higher price. Either way, I will end up paying more for the service. Sincerely, Nitin Muppalaneni 571 Glen Alto Dr. Los Altos, CA

## Riaz Rizvi

San Carlos, CA

Dear Commission, The public interest would be served by a merger between Comcast and TimeWarner if these companies had a history of competitive services. However Comcast has a track record of dismal and overpriced cable, since when Google appears, suddenly Comcast and TWC services start to rapidly improve (http://bgr.com/2014/08/05/comcast-twc-vs-googlefiber/), it's as if they have service capacity that they are just holding back on. TimeWarner also has a history of bundling unwanted TV services and limiting consumer choice, to force the consumer to pay for things they don't want. I do not want Comcast and TWC to have \*more\* political bargaining power. Also, cable is a commodity service and we should be paying low commodity prices. Based on their track record, the only

frank mcrae

Los Angeles, CA

Dear Commission Member: Thank you for your loyal service. Please do everything in your power to oppose and halt the proposed Comcast Time-Warner merger. This scheme, if allowed to become reality, will stifle competition, result in higher rates and diminished quality for consumers and, ultimately, increase the number of unemployed Californians. California needs much more employment, not job destruction. Sincerely, Frank F. McRae

Steven Donis Oakley, CA Dear comcast, fuck you. Best regards, Steven Donis

#### Lionel Mares

Sun Valley, CA

Dear C.P.U. Commissioners, I am asking you to please STOP Comcast from dominating the Cable, Internet, and or Telephone industries. I am OPPOSED to corporations taking over the market. I am oppose to monopoly!! I strongly believe that the role of government regulators is to enforce Anti-trust laws and penalize companies that violate these laws. It is your duty to make sure that Capitalism is a place for companies to compete with one another and to make sure that customers get the best deal possible! I hope that you will make the right decision. Thank you!

### MICHAEL N. OXMAN La Jolla, CA

Dear California Public Utilities Commissioners: I am a Time Warner Cable customer. Although I would not rate their cost-benefit ratio very highly, the situation is sure to worsen if Comcast and Time Warner Cable are permitted to mertge. Thus, as you are charged with protecting the interest of California citizens, rather than the profits of large monopolistic corporations, I urge and request that you oppose the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger in the strongest possible manner. Please do so in the interest of the citizens of California, whose interests you are tasked with protecting. Thank you for your support. Sincerely Michael N. Oxman, MD Professor of Medicine and Pathology University of California, San Diego Staff Physician (Infectious Diseases) VA San Diego Healthcare System

B. Jennings Santa Cruz, CA Customers want options. Controlling and dominating the California market with this merger will shrink options, and offer less opportunities, raise prices, etc. G. Reid Fisher

San Martin, CA

Customers as it is have very little leverage on large entities like Comcast or Time Warner. We need to preserve what little competition is left and not allow larger mergers like this. As a consumer I worry that the PUC usually does the corporate interests' bidding -please show me I'm wrong!

Mary E. Prisco

Piedmont, CA

Currently, Comcast does not deliver good service. The packages it's customers are faced with are very unsatisfactory. The customer service is very slow, unhelpful and frustrating. I believe a merger would result in Comcast being even less responsive to consumers and leaving consumers with no alternatives. Please oppose the merger.

### DONALD SANDERS

Santa Rosa, CA

Creating a larger monopoly cannot improve our service or lessen the cost (already one of the highest in the world) to consumers. This action is clearly not in our personal interest nor that of our neighbors. Dean Paul San Francisco, CA

Creating a conglomerate of this size is unacceptable. The amount of power they will wield in the combined Cable, Internet, Television and Movie industry is frightening to say the least and will take away competition.

### Gerald Kelly

Santa Monica, CA

Creating a bigger cable monopoly is not what I want. You should be breaking up these monopolies and allowing true competition for Internet and cable TV services which will encourage more innovation and more affordable services. This merger would just create a giant Soviet-style unaccountable bureaucratic monster.

Brett Henry Encinitas, CA CPUC or CUC? Consolidation will not enhance competitiveness in an industry which already thrives on proprietary fiefdoms. If you truly represent the public and not the utilities, it's time to show it.

# George Paul



Continual price hikes. Nickle and dime fees. Telephone calls take at least 20 minutes ... sometimes ending in a disconnect or bum information. I've called, been placed on hold, put the phone down and had dinner, and came back to my phone and I was still on hold an hour or so later. No return calls when requested. I wish there was some competition because I'd quit Comcast in a heart beat.

## David Rothstein

Rancho Mirage, CA

Consumers Report rates both Comcast and Time Warner at the bottom of the quality consumer service listings. I fear that permitting these two giants to merge into one megamonster will only make that situation worse. It will also limit consumers ability to change providers, provide little protection from fee increases, and do little or nothing to improve their already vapid programming. Please don't let the do this in California!

Gloria Donohue San Francisco, CA Consumers need more competition between Cable companies, not less, which will happen if Comcast takes over Time Warner Cable. Christine DeNatale Whittier, CA Consumers need more competition and choices, not fewer. Nancy Snedden Oakland, CA Consumers need and deserve choice. This kind of "mega-merger" has got to stop. They only benefit the corporation, not the people.

Samar Akhras La Crescenta, CA Consumers do not need anathor mega merger (Comquast and Time Warner) to define their cable quality and their bills. Please prevent this merger from taking place. Than you

Robert Greene Woodland Hills, CA Consumers deserve a choice!

## John Benson

Long Beach, CA

Consumers are the benefactors of free competition, but only when a regulatory body prevents monopoly and interference with free trade. There must be some protection for us. Please say NO to further Comcast acquisitions.

## Terry Crownover

Folsom, CA

Consumer options for television and internet are already too few, and prices are too high. Further consolidation in the cable industry will make things worse for consumers, further limiting their options and increasing their costs. Reject the Comcast/Time Warner merger! Robert Aronin Encinitas, CA Consolidation of territory already not competitive in most of the state, can only have an adverse effect on consumers. Dianne Lane San Diego, CA Consolidation of power is not in the interest of the people. As we all well know, power corrupts. It becomes all about the money for the few.

# Danielle Johnson

## Tracy, CA

Considering how few choices consumers currently have for cable and the toll that has taken on the quality of customer service, I dread to see what would happen if this merger is allowed to happen. Cable companies used to try to keep their customers happy and made an attempt to keep their business but in recent years Comcast customer service has become impossible to deal with and the prices (of all cable services from various companies) are exorbitant. It's no surprise to me that people are abandoning cable altogether in favor of Netflix and similar services, a trend that will accelerate if this merger happens. The government is supposed to prevent for development of monopolies in American industries to protect consumers, so I suggest you do your jobs and stop this merger.

## Sharon Darby

Merced, CA

Considering Comcast's dismal customer service reputation [I used to be a Comcast customer. I know first hand how horrible it is.], why would anyone want to subject more Californians to such a fate?

John Malcolm Gaissert Arnold, CA

Concast has great service in my area, but that service is gradually increasing in price. I can imagine what the increases would be if it takes over Time Warner's network.

## Mikail Barron

## Felton, CA

Competition, innovation, and free speech are three wisely touted American ideals -- all of which are crushed by media monopolies. Media monopolies strangle competition and censor the flow of information to and within the public. They need to be broken up, not encouraged. Stop the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger! Debbie Berger El Cajon, CA Competition needs to continue to be a part of our economy. This will not be ensures with a merger between Comcast and Time Warner. Ken Walsh Alameda, CA

Competition makes the choices better for customers. Please stop Comcast's takeover of California! Stop the merger of Time Warner and Comcast. Where I live, we don't have choices and service has declined. We have Comcast.

Gerald Pasa Modesto, CA Competition is what will Comcast a better company not a monopoly of the market. Jeff Clark Livermore, CA Competition is the only way to keep prices in check plus more jobs!

Kendra Hall Stockton, CA Competition is the heart of economic checks and balances. Keep competition alive in California, do not allow the Comcast merger with Time/Warner

Karen Bowles Banning, CA Competition is important for consumers. Fara Phillips Burbank, CA

Competition is healthy. Eliminating it only makes things worse for consumers. I've had to deal with Comcast when living in another state. They don't care about their customers. The US is way behind other developed nations in high speed internet access at a fair price. And we are still heading in the wrong direction.

Constance Youens Murrieta, CA Competition is good news for the consumer. Do NOT approve the Comcast/Time Warner merger.

Robyn Kain Vacaville, CA Competition is good for American businesses, so it should be so for Comcast too. This merger would be a diminishment of competition in the cable industry and should not be allowed. Vote no on this merger, I can barely afford my cable bill now, it will only go up with this merger!! VOTE NO ON THE COMCAST MERGER!!

Earl Weltmer Tustin, CA Competition is everything.

Michael Scheele Sacramento, CA Competition in the marketplace is good for consumers. John Seybold

Ridgecrest, CA

Competition in the cable industry would be good. This merger begins the process of eliminating much of the tiny bit of competition that remains. The already miserable Custer service provided by these companies will become even worse if the merger is approved and they are allowed to cut customer service even more. There is absolutely no benefit to anyone in the public from this merger, but there is certainly the prospect of degraded service, lower effective bandwidth, and higher costs. Veit Kugel San Diego, CA Competition for cable and Internet services need to be increased, Services in San Diego are much worse than in a highly competitive market like Boston where I lived for 15 years. K Shaw

Orinda, CA

Competition ensures quality, and without competition there is no choice. Californians need choice & that means separate companies with separate offerings & services. Stop reducing choice & services for Californians.

Sam Yanez Sacramento, CA Competition drives an innovative economy. Comcast wants an economy killing monopoly! Say NO to the merger

Sharon Selinski Newbury Park, CA Competition breeds excellence.

Eric Swan Sebastopol, CA Competition benefits the consumer. Allowing Comcast to dominate the California market is uncompetitive and would hurt the consumer, including myself. Do not allow the Comcast / Time Warner to go forward. Ian Carlon

San Jose, CA

Competition among companies is greatly needed for customers because it makes things a lot more accessible and cheaper. Mergers does not help the bottom line for consumers, in fact it does the opposite, don't let this merger happen! Bruce Johnson San Francisco, CA Compact offers poor service and I don't have other options. Why make this situation worse? Devora Davis San Jose, CA Communications mergers are historically bad for

consumers. Please reject the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Comcast is big enough and has terrible customer service. More competition is needed, not more mergers.

## L Nelson

Morgan Hill, CA

Common sense should tell you that a merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable is a very bad idea. No telecommunications company should be allowed to brandish that much clout on the telecommunications industry, as such a merger would allow. Competition between providers is what is needed, and not another monopoly. Please say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

wesley johnson San Francisco, CA commissioners just say NO!!!! this deal does not help consumers stifles competition promotes increased service costs

## J David

Los Angeles, CA

Comcast's takeover of Time Warner Cable, and with it, most of the state's cable and Internet market is a bad idea. To allow Comcast to control California's market is not in the consumer's best interest. I am fed up with high prices and lousy service for phone, TV and broadband services. **Richard Danielson** 

### Livermore, CA

Comcast's service is far less than my expectations for a company of its nature and importance. Goodness knows what it will be like without competition having a near monopoly and absolute chokehold on California customers. Even what it provides with competition is way more expensive that it should be for its bundled content that has too much of little value contained within it. Sabina Ubell Emeryville, CA Comcast's prices are outrageous. DO NOT ALLOW THIS MERGERTO HAPPEN. Jesse Sherman Sacramento, CA Comcast's Internet service is too expensive now and with less competition could get higher. I oppose having less choice!

## Dylan Ryall

Davis, CA

Comcast's huge market share lets it set prices for cable and internet with impunity while it provides substandard service with outdated technology. Allowing comcast to control more of the cable/internet market will only further delay needed connectivity improvements and allow Comcast to continue to overcharge for its service. Patrick Mulcahey San Francisco, CA Comcast's domination of the cable internet has proceeded far enough for more than long enough. Please, please do NOT allow them to swallow Time-Warner too.

## shirley mercado

Concord, CA

Comcast's customer service is the worst of any company I have ever had to work with. I just had to move (port) a AT&T voice line over to my comcast account and was told it would take a max of 5 days. It took 10! and only then after daily calls and online 'chat' sessions. They simple cannot service the customer base they have now. Adding to it would be a nightmare for their customers. Shirley Mercado

Lori Low Palo Alto, CA Comcast's Customer Service is already awful and it will only become worse with this merger !

## Tom Slone

Walnut Creek, CA

Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable is not in the best interest of Californians. Prices for cable, internet and phone service are already high enough with the limited number of choices available to us. We are paying too much already, and Comcast will further increase prices if competition is further reduced, and service will likely suffer as well. It's a bad idea to allow Comcast to control California's market. This merger will hurt Californians statewide.

David Summers

San Francisco, CA

Comcast's and Time Warner Cable's service is already dreadful, how much worse will it be when one company runs the entire industry? We must encourage more competition, not eliminate is altogether.

Cimarron Mittelsteadt Santa Clarita, CA Comcast's acquisition of Time Warner is not in the public's interest and eliminates what already has far too little competition in internet choices. I strongly urge you to block this merger. Peter Gamino San Jose, CA Comcast:.Take care of your present customers needs, before you try to take on more customers through aquisitions.Your customer service ratings are very poor as it is.

Eliese Lane Davis, CA Comcast/Time-Warner merger is a BAD idea. please do not allow it to take place. Edwin Schmidtke Valley Village, CA Comcast, NBC, Universal AND Time Warner????? Are you kidding me??? That seriously approaches total control of both content AND distribution of broadcast media. How could it be given even a moment's consideration? Nancy Beverage Laguna Beach, CA Comcast, in California, REALLY? Surely you jest!!! monica leavitt san francisco, CA

Comcast, for starters, is Number One nationwide for worst customer sevice of any organition, including the IRS. Their speciality is mergers and acquisitions. Essentially they exist only on order to continue to buy out their opposition. They continue to worsen telecommunications by throttling other providers' bandwidth and/or buying them out. That means that they are inherently weak in the areas of much needed innovation, and they provide mediocre content because they are less interested in their customers than they are in our ever-increasing payments for worsening service.

#### Steven Hansel

#### Pacifica, CA

Comcast! What a joke. Costumer service is a terrible, ineffective, inept and devoid of any intelligence. My family and friends have had numerous issues with Comcast's heinous and questionable practices and methods. There are too many to mention! The pricing is also unfair. Selling services that are not as they appear in their advertising seems to be their modus operandi. I can only hope that the California Public Utilities Commission will investigate Comcast's practices and their business model. They are extremely suspect.

Richard Nelesen La Mesa, CA Comcast will have too much control of entertainment and news providers. We need more diversity not less.

## Brett wagner

#### Modesto, CA

Comcast will have a near monopoly in California if the merger with Time Warner Cable is approved, this lack of competition and power grab is bad for consumers and bad for California, we must have choices and those must be real competitive choices lest we receive more expensive services for even less quality.

# Larry Pyle

## Simi Valley, CA

Comcast was the reason that we changed to Dish Network for our TV service. Comcast did not provide service, there were constant problems that took days to correct which became a constant headache to us to get action on. We have and continue to say NO TO COMCAST.

#### Jed Holtzman

San Francisco, CA

Comcast wants to take over Time Warner, and then kill the Internet as we know it. The cable giant is pushing to buy out its key competitor, Time Warner. This monster merger would hand Comcast an unprecedented monopoly across the country. If Comcast wins, we can expect higher bills and a slower Internet for everyone -except for Comcast's corporate buddies willing to pay for fast access. Rejecting this merger should be a nobrainer. But the man meant to hold Comcast to account at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) --Chairman Tom Wheeler -- is a former Big Cable lobbyist. Add your voice now to say no to the Comcast merger and to make sure the FCC hears our demand loud and clear. Under Tom Wheeler, former employees of Comcast have actually been hired to work for the **F 1 1**0

## dianne heitman

#### san francisco, CA

Comcast takes advantage of the monopoly it already has. Exorbitant fees for less and less service. No listings for public stations--every way they can they limit our choices. Don't give these greedy folks even more power over us. It's ridiculous how fewer and fewer are being given more and more control. A handful of folks should not be allowed to determine what we can see and hear and to take a bigger and bigger cut every time we seek information, art or entertainment. Norma Gurss San Jose, CA Comcast Time Warner Cable - YOU HAVE ENOUGH YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE OVER CALIFORNIA CABLE!!!!!!!

# David Collins

Pescadero, CA

Comcast sucks. The worst ever. My only option and I live in on pacific ocean, 10 minutes from silicon valley. I hate their service. One of the worst most unfriendly companies I havd ever dealt with. Thug marketing tactics. Please make an example out of this evil corporate beast.

Kathie Miller

Oakdale, CA

Comcast started charging me for a service I didn't order - Stream-Pix. They would only credit me for the current month - not for the previous months when they started charging me. Teri Yazdi

San Carlos, CA

Comcast should NOT be allowed to dominate the CA (or national) markets for broadband/internet/phone service. There are few companies with less interest in customer service than Comcast. It is definitely NOT in my best interest, or in the best interest of other Californians, to enable Comcast to dominate the market. Please block this proposed merger. Terry Zazzi Sacramento, CA Comcast should NOT be able to merge with Time Warner Cable. From past experiences, prices have increased and service have decreased when there is less competition. Please STOP this merger so all consumers will benefit.

David Ammenti San Mateo, CA Comcast service stinks. They promise the world but do not deliver, giving lip service with nothing else. Former comcast customer never to return.

Robert O'Neill Napa, CA Comcast service is absolutely horrible. This merger will make it worse. Please say no Jo Rhett

San Jose, CA

Comcast runs a monopoly in our area and they know it. They provide horrible service, and tell us straight to our face that we can't get service anywhere else. Please don't allow this merger to go through.

Ronald Glantz Tiburon, CA Comcast provides terrible service. I see no reason to further limit competition. John Tennison Santa Rosa, CA Comcast provides poor service at very high prices and should not be allowed to buy up competing companies which will only make their service and prices worse for consumers. Say no to the merger!! Mark Herman San Francisco, CA Comcast provides poor service at inflated prices. Please don't allow them to acquire more reach than they already have. The marketplace needs MORE competition, not less.

Chilisa Walker Sacramento, CA Comcast prices are to high. Every Time you purchase one of their packages it seems that the price rise and rise over the next few months

Therese Lesher Campbell, CA Comcast practically has a monopoly in the cable industry as it is, and I for one am so fed up with their nickel & diming, high prices, lousy products/services, and "could care less" customer service attitude! Please do NOT allow this merger to go through! Thank you!!! Ka Cheang

South San Francisco, CA

Comcast over charges us, \$75 for internet alone! That is not acceptable! Every turn they try to make some more money off us. Now they want to charge a monthly rental fee for a simple tuner box, because everything is digital now, this tuner box is NOT optional if you subscribe to tv. Enough is enough, Comcast cannot gain anymore market shares.

David Nguyen Orange, CA Comcast only works for profits by screwing their customers. I dont want their garbage customer service in California. This merger will only make life worse for everyone. Charles and Jeena Piccuta

Monterey, CA

Comcast offers super deals to new customers while it continues to consistently raise the cost of services to existing customers. Where I live Comcast as a monopoly. I cannot get high speed internet from any other provider. It seems like every other month Comcast sends me a statement showing they have reorganized/re-named my service "package" and the rate is higher. Robert Rhoads Vallejo, CA Comcast never never stops. Please don't let them get bigger. Lori Vechazone Pleasanton, CA Comcast needs to be stopped. They have terrible service. They use bait And switch tactics. You have to wait thirty minutes to talk to a person who barely speaks English and cannot/will not help. They should be broken up not rewarded with more acquisitions.

Nancy Jacobsen San Francisco, CA Comcast needs competition, not control! Dana Vinicoff San Francisco, CA Comcast needs competition to make it listen to its customers, who pay too much for channels we don't want already.

Steven Collins San Francisco, CA Comcast must not be allowed to be a bigger monopoly. William Woodward Oakland, CA Comcast may be the worst company I've ever dealt with. When we had the lowest-priced cable, the reception was much granier than I could get over the air, so we canceled it. Roger Blair Fremont, CA Comcast is unreasonably over priced, and does not offer unbiased reporting of news. Priscilla King Felton, CA Comcast is too powerful. Put a stop to their takeover of California now! Thank you, Priscilla King 967 Sharon Lane Felton, CA 95018

Diane Moore Davis, CA Comcast is too big now! They've outsourced their phone service so we can't talk to anyone we can understand -- and they say they pride themselves on service! Don't let them take over the rest of California. Robin Roy

Portola Valley, CA

Comcast is too big as it is, with far more control of phone and broadband services than any company should have unless very closely regulated (which they obviously are not). Please reject the proposed Time Warner Cable merger.

## Jason Mocanu

Stockton, CA

ComCast is the worst company! I've dealt with them for cable television: basically, they overcharged me by over \$150.00 dollars--back in 1995! They presently provide my Internet connection. Basically, they're lousy, they provide a crappy connection, and their customer service is questionable. Please end their monopoly.

#### E Jones

Tiburon, CA

Comcast is the worst company to deal with. Their rates are ridiculously high and dealing with them is almost impossible. We need more competition, not less.
Randy Vogel Oakland, CA Comcast is the nastiest company I've ever had to deal with. Giving them an even greater monopoly here in CA is an idiotic idea. Lisa DeVries

Santa Rosa, CA

Comcast is so difficult as they change their prices every 6 months and you have to go to the store to get help not to pay over 30% increase or more. Please don't let them have more control.

Gary Gerbrandt

Soledad, CA

Comcast is seeking to get it all. This is not good for the people.It also puts part of the state [green area] in a position of not even getting any TV service because of terrain and location.

Gary Petersen Loomis, CA Comcast is rude to its customers and has a history of doing illegal actions like modifying customer transmissions and favoring its pay-per-view over netflix.

Christiane Creighton Saratoga, CA Comcast is one of the worst companies (of any kind) that I have ever dealt with!!!!! I would be happy if someone would take THEM over :>))))

## Allan Fix

Albany, CA

Comcast is one of the worst and most hated companies in America. Their contempt for and rampant exploitation of their customers is legendary. Now they want to expand their monopoly power? No way! Please block this hideous idea for a merger. Susan Hayase San Jose, CA Comcast is notorious for slow internet and dismissive, lousy, and obnoxious and ineffective customer service. Don't let them expand their sphere of control.. John Murphy San Francisco, CA Comcast is notorious for its terrible service. Now they want to throttle the internet too! Don't make Comcast a monopoly...

Angela Ueber Los Angeles, CA Comcast is notorious for having horrible service, product, and tact. Please stop their monopoly in something that should be a free market.

Joshua Kang Northridge, CA Comcast is not welcome to ALL of California.

Cathy Goodrich Verdugo City, CA Comcast is not my choice. C Buchanan Grand Terrace, CA

Comcast is not a reliable provider even when there was market competition. I eliminated my cable service rather than continue to be frustrated and abused by Comcast. Please do NOT allow them to acquire even more power and influence when they do not provide service to their customers or serve the public interests. Terri Piper-Johnson Calistoga, CA

Comcast is not a good company. From the top down it is not customer service orientated or honest. I never got back the money I overpaid when I left Comcast after way too many years of paying too much for phone, internet and cable. I pay \$70 less a month for the same services thru Direct TV as I did with Comcast. No don't allow this company to merge, it isn't in the people's best interest.

Jana Perinchief Sacramento, CA Comcast is infamous for high prices and terrible customer service. There needs to be an alternative service and fair choice.

Wayne Amacher Sunnyvale, CA Comcast is in a market that can drastically improve with competition. Freezing out competition will result in freezing this market where it is now (like telephones were for years and years). Please keep this market open to innovation. Don't freeze it in time.

Jeff Jones Larkspur, CA Comcast is evil! Their poor service and high prices can only be sustained by a monopolistic business model. Don't let them continue and expand their monopoly!

Lewis Dauber Pacific Palisades, CA Comcast is evidently even worse than Time-Warner in terms of customer service and pricing. Please help to stop this nightmare merger/takeover. Monopolies are not good. Enough is enough!

ALLISON WALLACE Santa Rosa, CA COMCAST IS BECOMING WAY TOO MUCH OF A MONOPOLY. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!!! melanie mcfall

Chico, CA

Comcast is becoming more and more expensive for me. I have to cut off my cable to get by but my internet I need. Please don't let them merge. Sincerely, Melanie McFall Lynn Lybeck Moss Beach, CA

Comcast is attempting to execute a plan to control access to the internet and information. Our history has shown that such monopolization of any resource is bad for the consumer and bad for our country. Prices will go up, choices will go down, and free speech will be stifled. Comcast has already demonstrated that it is a bad actor in the consumer marketplace. Do not reward them by handing over more control of this vital American resource.

Louise Dibble Walnut Creek, CA Comcast is an OK provider, but they charge too much. They should not be allowed to be the "only" cable provider. Then they could charge much much more! Malcolm Smith Danville, CA Comcast is already too powerful. I have dealt with their false advertising and I will not vote for anyone who supports them. This is daily affect on my life and expenses. I will vote against you, if you support Comcast.

Daniel Tuerk MD Palo Alto, CA Comcast is already too big. Their consumer service is lousy. shari kirkland

oakland, CA

Comcast is already too big. I have had multiple experiences of bait and switch with them. their sales practices are, at best, deceitful and, at worst, plain illegal. They already operate as if they do not need to take customer service in to consideration. allowing them to merge w/ Time Warner would simply fuel a fire that is already out ot control. NO to the merger!!! Jeannine Ratliff Santa Cruz, CA Comcast is already TOO BIG to manage its customers affordably, honestly, and safely. This is NOT A GOOD thing. Unhappy dissatisfied customers is a problem. Comcast & Time Warner = unhappy & dissatisfied customers. DO NOT PUT MORE CUSTOMERS IN THEIR HANDS!!

Karen Krongold Oakland, CA Comcast is already too big and powerful and does a terrible job. Please stop them from taking more control over access to information. Thank you

## Timothy Morgan Benicia, CA

Comcast is already the only reliable broad band ISP where I live (Benicia, CA), and is expensive for that. They try to use their Internet service to coerce TV source selection: the most recent "deal" they gave me reduced, slightly, the overall cost but gave me a (non-HD) box which I don't use. Upgrading to a Comcast HD-DVR would cost about as much as I pay for Dish satellite TV. In short, Comcast has all the market power it deserves.

David Herrick San Jose, CA Comcast is already the bully of the TV and internet business. If they come close to the "monopoly" they are trying to become, it will just get worse.

#### Susan Walker

Foster City, CA

Comcast is already considerably more expensive than it should be. With this merger, it becomes a monopoly and considerably narrows our choices. I am vehemently against this merger as it will give Comcast a green light to raise its fees even higher. Rick Silvani Lafayette, CA Comcast is already charging too high a price for it's products. Lets keep competition alive. Nancy Hiestand Davis, CA Comcast is already big enough. Democracy should mean more choice, not less. And cable companies definitely must not control content in any way. Samuel Glassner Alameda, CA

Comcast is already an oligopoly. Fees go up annually and service declines. Overpriced packages are forced on consumers who have no option to select only the channels they wish to receive. Their customer service currently ranks among the worst. Make them a monopoly and they will answer to no one - prices will go up, customer service will continue its downward spiral, customers will have no options to select only the channels they want and there will be no competition at all. Californians will be huge losers!

Barbara Lum

Danville, CA

Comcast is already a monopoly. Their charges are astronomical, \$179.84 monthly for cable, internet and phone. Having more power will just end in an increase for the public. People are getting fed up with being taken advantage of because of the slim amount of options. Please, don't let them get any bigger!!

#### TIM SHIN

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Comcast is already a horrible service provider (just check their reviews on Yelp). I do not want a company like this being the only game in town. They will increase their prices.

Bruce Brodie San Anselmo, CA Comcast is all ready too big, what ever happened to American competition? These mega companies are destroying our country.

Dr. Will Tuttle Healdsburg, CA Comcast is a toxic and abusive greed machine that must be stopped. Michael Lipinski San Mateo, CA

Comcast is a terrible monopoly. They know they are a monopoly and treat We The People, their customers, poorly. EVERY SINGLE TIME I interact with Comcast, they take advantage of me, frustrate me, obfuscate their prices and practices to me, and just generally waste my time. Giving them more power by letting them merge with Time Warner would just help their bottom line and screw over We The People, your constituents, again.

Stuart MacGregor

Magalia, CA

Comcast is a monopoly just as ATT is and both should be broken up!! No merger with Time Warner should be allowed because General Electric already dominates the media with too many TV, radio and print media outlets!

peter newton Alameda, CA Comcast is a consumer gouging monopoly. I don't want to see them grow yet more grotesque. John Schmidt

Milpitas, CA

Comcast is a bad company. They don't know when their system is down in your area until you call and tell them. And it goes down a lot! Forget about upgrades to keep up with technology. They can be rude and unresponding to your requests. I would hate to see this company expand.

Jon Santer Oakland, CA Comcast in my experience offers some of the worst customer service. An installation for my business I was assured would take 5 days instead took 4+ months! As a monopoly they clearly don't care. Farah Aziz

San Francisco, CA

Comcast hasn't even step up and provide the necessary basic customer service at present. When it becomes a giant, it will just use its powers to drown out the voices of its poor customers. No customers in a monopolized market ever wins. Joe Sikoryak San Francisco, CA

Comcast hasn't earned this sort of consideration, and making them a virtual monopoly will only reward future abuses. I am against this merger agreement! David Fiala Pleasanton, CA

Comcast has too much control of the market, NOW! Giving them more would be terrible. It has gotten so bad that we had to get rid of the TV service and put an antenna on our roof. No more Discovery Channel or History Channel. With retirement and fixed incomes on our horizon, we can't afford \$100+ for a couple of channels.

#### J.B. Baker

#### Pacifica, CA

Comcast has the worst customer service from the sales department all the way to the billing. I waited over a month, 4 missed/cancelled appointments on THEIR end and shady billing techniques raising my first payment that ignored all original sales incentives. After 5 weeks of ongoing phone calls complaining about the lack of service I was getting, they had the nerve to bill me for a full month PLUS late charges for a service that had not even been installed yet. They would not transfer me to a supervisor even after repeated requests and several miserable conversations with reps outside of the US that I could not understand. COMCAST IS THE WORST COMPANY TO DO BUSINESS WITH AND I WILL SWITCH ONCE MY LIFE SUCKING CONTRACT IS OVER!!!

Dean McCleskey Santa Ana, CA Comcast has one of the worst customer service ratings in the nation, and does not deserve monopoly access to California consumers.

Barry Farris Pollock Pines, CA Comcast has not earned the right to control California. Comcast rates are already too high.

#### Mary O'BRIEN

Grass Valley, CA

Comcast has not been honest or fair in how they do business with their customers. I have had to fight them every six months because they say I have a two-year contract, but every 2 or 3 months, it goes up another \$10 a month. Their service is abysmal. They seem to care about only making money, not servicing their customers. Do let them take over MORE of California's cable business!

#### Sam Burkhardt

Santa Cruz, CA

Comcast has lousy services and high prices as it is! The Comcast Time Warner merger is not in the best interest of California citizens. Stop the merger!

#### S Robert Lehr

San Francisco, CA

Comcast has continued to grow larger over the years. And it has continued to have more and more dissatisfied customers - myself included! And they do not care! This company has a history of being voted the most hated company in America (with good reason). If anything, Comcast should be broken up into smaller companies - thereby increasing competition - and not be allowed to take over Time Warner Cable; to allow this is to diminish competition further and enhance what is clearly their self-image that they can do whatever the f\*\*k they want with and to the market and their customers. How much convincing do you need? DO NOT ALLOW COMCAST TO TAKE OVER TIME WARNER CABLE!!!!! Do I make myself clear?

#### Rob Barwick Pleasanton, CA

Comcast has extremely poor customer service and has outrageously HIGH prices. In the last couple of months Comcast has added a new "outside the contract" charge for a "BROADCAST TV FEE". Really now. Comcast is charging another amount in addition to the regular cable contracted charge for rebroadcasting TV signals? Isn't that what cable is all about and why they have near monopoly franchises? It is just another charge for what we are already paying for in our supposedly fixed contract amount. Chicanery at its worst. YOU gave them this power and should take it back or make them honest! If they Time Warner it will only get worse. Do the right thing please.

#### Linda Knanishu

#### Novato, CA

Comcast has been getting so expensive even for basic cable and giving back so little in exchange for our hardearned money. It has gotten so bad that I disconnected my cable TV over 2 years ago, because the channels were mostly in Spanish or sports or the same trash sitcoms and not enough good movie channel. All my favorite true crime documentaries disappeared and Court TV became True TV and no longer only about true crime. I decided to cut out cable TV completely. I had been promised certain channels and 2 of them were pulled while I had the service. Even when I called and complained they would not put them back on, even though they had been promised to me before I had the service connected. Now that I no longer have TV, I borrow lots of great DVDs from the library for free and . 1.

### Sharon Buckley

Fairfield, CA

Comcast has been controlled in the past by healthy competition and if this agency permits them to merge with Time Warner, the competition will be eliminated. We, the consumer, will be subject to more of their high prices and terrible customer service. This is not in the best interest of the consumer. Therefore, I respectfully ask that the PUC say NO to this merger. Thank you for your assistance with this important issue.

Stephen Carrillo Albany, CA Comcast has been a monopoly for too long. High prices and low-quality service are not good for consumers. Tim Butler San Francisco, CA

Comcast has angered so many people. So it's not a company to support if there's any question about whether a merger should be approved. If Comcast can't treat people well now, they'll have even less reason if they get greater reach and closer to a monopoly. kim talbot

foster city, CA

Comcast has a monopoly on cable so they can charge whatever they want for their service . It would be nice If I had a choice between other cable companies so I could compare and choice the service that best fits my needs.

Catherine Hudson

Santa Cruz, CA

Comcast has a monopoly in my part of Santa Cruz county. Its service is so expensive that I subscribe only to its limited level, for public TV (which is free in other parts of the nation!), and then turn to the internet for non-violent programing and content on Roku. Comcast's merger seems like another corporate effort to take over our lives.

Jamy Klein San Diego, CA Comcast has a history of complete disregard for customers and customer service. Please do not let this monster get any larger in California.

#### Frances Hinckley

Corte madera, CA

Comcast gives absolutely terrible customer service. That is both my personal experience and, I believe that was the result of an independent survey. Allowing them to get ever bigger has NOT benefitted customers in costs nor service. In fact, I have gotten less service and continually slower load times for ever more cost per month. Please do not give them an even bigger monopoly by okaying the proposed merger with Time Warner. Such a merger will not benefit consumers, only the ones pushing the merger. In addition, mergers usually result in jobs lost!

Bacilio Villa Oakland, CA Comcast es una compañía que cobra con anunciós engañosos para atraer a clientes latinos fuera comcast Carl McCall

San Diego, CA

Comcast DOES NOT have my best interests at heart: they are trying for a Monopoly and they will jack up my cable/phone/and Internet rates!!!! PLEASE Say NO to this merger of greed. Marian Blanton San Rafael, CA Comcast continues to dominate the local market, growing more expensive each year. Since I refuse to bundle services, preferring a small independent ISP, my communications costs are off the wallI I must have cable for NPR because I live in an area where reception is poor. Communication for repair services with employees varies depending upon language proficiency, and sometimes I wait nearly a week before a repair call can happen. Altogether, we need more, not less competition for communication services.

Todd Brewer Santa Cruz, CA Comcast continually raises our rates (over 300% in the last 5 years) yet service is less than spectacular. This will only get worse when there is no competition. Do not allow the TWC takeover. Its bad for Californians. We vote. Willard Richards

Santa Rosa, CA

Comcast chat providers told me I needed to pay more for cable service to support a TiVo than turned out to be the case. When I signed up for digital cable service, I was overcharged on several bills, but finally found someone who was willing to correct that. Comcast is not honest. The merger would make it worse.

Arlene Stigum Carmel By The Sea, CA ComCast charges usary fees. Making them bigger greats a monopoly. We need competition to limit ComCast's monopoly. Alison Paul

Soquel, CA

Comcast charges high rates for poor service. Our phone, TV and internet go out periodically and it is very difficult to get each of them back into service. Communication with Comcast is cumbersome and bumbling. Please provide incentive for better customer service by having competition. Sincerely, Alison Paul & Jack Carroll, 3920 Glen Haven Road Soquel, CA 95073, phone 831-475-3837 alisonpaul2002@yahoo.com

#### Anni Long

## Mill Valley, CA

Comcast can't deliver quality service to its current subscribers. We should know, as we have been with Comcast for years, with no viable alternatives for the services we need. How do they propose to handle a much larger number of subscribers? Most recently they made the excuse "that channel (HBO) has a weak signal," when we had terrible reception and are paying for a PREMIUM channel. Please! Do not expand their subscriber numbers, or the substandard service we already suffer will just get worse!

## Mark Smith

Oxnard, CA

Comcast and TW merger would be devastating to consumers! Please do NOT allow this to happen. Such merger would only limit choices for consumer, would raise prices, and would create a monopoly giant that could do whatever it pleases. So please stop it. Thanks.

Douglas Leany Temecula, CA Comcast and Time-Warner always rate at the bottom of the Consumer Reports customer satisfaction surveys. The only thing that could make things worse is to combine them. DON'T ALLOW IT!

Jeff Fang Los Angeles, CA Comcast and Time Warner merger is bad for consumer like me! Don't let it happen.

## Eugene Scalisi

Camarillo, CA

Comcast and Time Warner each are companies that have no respect for their customers on their own. This is an obvious quest to become a monopoly, and already there is little enough real choice for telecom service, especially if you live in an apartment setting. Saying "no" to this merger should be a no-brainer for so many reasons, I'm dismayed it has even gone this far.

Stuart Gazarov Yorba Linda, CA Comcast and Time Warner can not be allowed to merge and effectively create a monopoly! Absolutely NO!

#### David Diez

#### San Francisco, CA

Comcast and Time Warner Cable shouldn't be allowed to merge. They've effectively carved up our state and done their best not to compete, and now they want to merge to affirm that they would never need to ever compete with each nother. We're already dealing with local monopolies that provide poor service and high prices. If these companies want to get bigger, make them compete with each other in a free market rather than expand their local monopolies into regional monopolies through a merge.

Barbara Vaughan Santa Rosa, CA Comcast and Time Warner Cable are already too big and do not give the best service its customers. Bigger is not better!.

## L Hunt

### Riverside, CA

Comcast and Time Warner are already too big and if they merged the situation would only get worse for Californians. Better that they should compete with each other than have total domination over the market.

## Lee Beale

Comcast and other mega media corporations have been merging and monopolizing entire markets. This should be illegal!! It is time to stop letting big corporations dominate every industry at the cost of ever higher rates and lower quality products services!

# Steve Noe

## Castro Valley, CA

Comcast and AT&T already have too much power and control. Their prices are ridiculous and consumers have few alternatives for inferior services. Broadcast channels are almost non-existent and as the monster company takes control the force you to pay for services you don't want or need. You can't even get basic channels without paying extra for their set top box. Channel choices are determined by Comcast. Even the most economic package has sports, foreign language and reality shows that I don't want. On the other hand I do want popular channels like USA and TNT but they are not in the basic package and I have to pay extra for them. Too much control for these large companies. Stop further mergers and consolidation of power. Stop the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger

Patricia Ahlberg Fair Oaks, CA Comcast already too BIG! As a Comcast customer competition is good for the market place. Bill Munich El Macero, CA Comcast already inflates bills, changes pricing without cause, and provides miserable customer service. When they have further control of the market, their terrible customer service will only worsen.

Chris Pratorius Santa Cruz, CA Comcast already has what feels like monopoly power as it sets services and prices without regard to consumers. Don't give them more power!

Janet Jones San Francisco, CA Comcast already has too little competition. Do not approve the merger. . Jason Gische San Carlos, CA Comcast already has the worst service of any business I have to deal with. Please do not give them a further monopoly from which they can continue to screw the consumer.

Patrick Romano Sacramento, CA Comcast already has far too much power in the cable information market, and should not be permitted to increase its power further. Robert Thomas San Francisco, CA Comcast already has a virtual monopoly in parts of California, and with no competition, they can charge whatever rates they want, no mattar how outrageous. We need more competition, not less. Comcast's proposed merger with Time Warner is not in the public interest.

#### Serena Lee San Francisco, CA

Comcast already has a monopoly where I live (San Francisco). They are constantly gouging consumers with their ridiculous price increases, forcing us to sign up for their triple play package. Their shoddy and spotty service does not justify their high prices. Allowing Comcast to merge with Time Warner would only make things worse for consumers, not better! John Toeppen

Livermore, CA

Comcast already has a monopoly and charges what ever they want with little concern for service. I wish I had an alternative. Giving them a lock would screw us even more. Please block this growing wart of a company from having a monopoly.

# Linda Wong

Danville, CA

Comcast already has a dominating position in California, with practically uncontested high price and terrible customer services. California consumers need more competition in the market. The merger of Comcast and Time Warner will further erode the competitive landscape and result in near monopoly in the California market. Please protect the consumers and do not allow the merger to happen!

### Peter Coe

Burlingame, CA

Comcast already has a de facto monopoly of cable service in much of California, and the power it will wield if it takes over Time Warner will give it the ability to manipulate the market. This is not in the best interests of consumers.

Merrilee Mitchell Oakland, CA Comcast already gives terrible service. Letting them buy Time Warner will make it worse. Monopoly power should be illegal. Please don't let this merger take place.

## Dian Allen

Vallejo, CA

Comcast already exploits its near monopoly status with broadband ownership. Do not let them go further expanding their corporate control of the media. Dan Chen Santa Cruz, CA Comcast already enjoys a monopoly in my county which results in high prices and poor service. Please do not let Comcast merge with Time Warner to create an even larger entity. This will surely allow them to charge high prices, and continue their legacy of extremely poor customer service.

Ann Asche San Carlos, CA Comcast already dominates the market. This merger is an utter monopoly and should be illegal.

Teresa Kistler Salinas, CA Comcast already charges too much, definitely don't want them to have more power with this merger! Christine Bourg Pleasanton, CA Comcast already charges too much for service. In a democracy it is NEVER good to allow any utility to have a monopoly.

Debra Arbuckle Alameda, CA Comcast already charges to much, plus extra for higher seeds. The also have monopoly where I live for Cable! Don't let them take over and rule something that should be a basic utility!

Kenneth Pierce Santa Maria, CA Comcast already charges high service costs, with the worst customer service in the industry. If the merger goes through they will be worse, much worse. Dianne Sullivan Modesto, CA COMCAST /WARNER MERGER IS BAD FOR ME & BAD FOR MOST USA CITIZENS. I don't want either or BOTH monopolizing TV or INTERNET. All TV, especually NEWS must be kept FREE. Internet should be FREE or affordable for Low income citizens.

#### R buxton

Cupertino, CA Comcast "S##ks". Do not allow them to expand. We need more not less competition.

#### JD Sender

Los Angeles, CA

Combining two bad companies will not make a good company (i.e. two wrongs don't make a right). Comcast delivers less than second rate service for higher than first class fees; as does Time Warner. Do not reward bad business practices with more monopoly power. Do the right thing and reject this attempted theft Roberto Romo

San Francisco, CA

Combining two already large companies into one giant industry behemoth would give Comcast even greater control over the cable television and broadband Internet markets, leading to higher prices, fewer choices, and even worse customer service for consumers. A Comcast executive has acknowledged that the company can't promise that customer bills "are going to go down or even that they're going to increase less rapidly." Consumers who currently subscribe to Time Warner Cable can expect to be subject to these higher prices, but the deal has the potential to impact prices for all consumers. Cable prices have steadily climbed in the past decade, far outpacing the rate of inflation, and there is every reason to believe that they will continue to do so after the merger. Giving Comcast even more leverage 1 1 11 • .1 1• -1 / 1

Christine Abbott

Santa Clarita, CA

Combining these two large companies that already hike prices doesn't seem a good idea! With no competition there's no incentive to better serve the customers. Menlo Park, CA Combining the nation's two largest cable and Internet providers would result in higher prices, less innovation and reduced quality for consumers. Please don't let them

do it!

Melissa Bruce

Elizabeth Adan Carmichael, CA Combining Comcast and Time Warner Cable, two companies with some of the worst reputations for hiking prices and terrible service, would do a terrible disservice to California and I urge you to reject this merger.

rhod Zimmerman West Hills, CA Combine TW and Comcast snd listen to the sound of customers walking away from cable - me first. I'll instantly sign with DISH.

Andrew De Leon Westminster, CA Choice is very important in capitalism and is better for the consumer. Choice creates competition and competition keeps the companies working harder to provide better rates, better customer service and innovate to stay alive in the marketplace.

Gary Sprader Pacific Grove, CA Capitalism only works for consumers when there is real competition. Mergers like this destroy competition and always lead to higher prices and less choice.

Craig Leader

San Mateo, CA

Capitalism and free enterprise means many buyers and many sellers - well, we have many buyers in California, but NOT many sellers. Control of a market is NOT free enter[rise or capitalism. If Comcast wants to be considered an oligopoly, then let them be subject to the total regulation by the State of California for any rate increases as are other "public utilities"!

Justin McCullough San Diego, CA Can you say monopoly? Bras Landon San Jose, CA Californians need more choice not less. Comcast consistently demonstrates its distain of its customers through bottom ranked customer service.

#### Carol Cook

San Mateo, CA

Californians have everything to lose and nothing to gain from this merger. The only benefit will be to make Comcast richer and even less responsive to their customers than they are now. Consumers will lose options and the benefits of a competitive market place.

Beverly Craig La Canada Flintridge, CA Californians deserve choices and this takeover would change that option considerably. Commissioners, DO THE RIGHT THING! Francesca prada SAN FRANCISCO, CA

California has so many small businesses and freelancers who rely on the internet to do business every day. To create a tiered system will strangle our economy. The merger will be a disaster and would be essentially a monopoly that will cripple our already fragile economy. Comcast is a bad corporate citizen and has shown itself to mistreat its customers already. Time Warner has the content that Comcast wants, and Time Warner would not benefit from the merger, nor would content creators. We need more cable and internet companies, not less...We need the internet to remain a public utility.

Kurk Schoner

Inglewood, CA

California does NOT need a monopoly in this, or any other, field. We deserve choices, not restrictions. Comcast has shown itself to be uncaring towards their customers in other parts of the country and here. This would be a great disservice to Californians. Please remember PUC stands for PUBLIC Utilities. Thank you for considering Californians first.

Frederick Medugno San Diego, CA Cable will become a runaway monopoly to the detriment of it's customers.

## Gene Jones

## Duarte, CA

Cable TV is already a monopoly and allowed to happen, so the companies greed doesn't care. I deal with the with Charter. Why encourage this behavior, unless the PUC is somehow profiting from this. Corruption comes in many ways.

# Benjamin Jones

Costa Mesa, CA

Cable service is bad enough already. Why would we want to reward an industry that get such low customer service and satisfaction ratings? Giving comcast near-monopoly power will only serve shareholders, not customers.

George Kissinger Cypress, CA Cable service is already rotten. A bigger monopoly will only provide greater power for Comcast and less of a voice for the consumer. It is time for the PUC to stand up for the public! Michael Law San Diego, CA

Cable is already too expensive for the lousy service you get. I've had poor service from Time Warner for years and my parents have had similar issues with Comcast in the Midwest. I'm not sure 2 mediocre companies will make 1 good one. We need more choices, not monopolies! Please reject the Comcast, Time Warner merger.

Roberta Papazoglow Hayward, CA Cable is already the most expensive utility; it's time to stop bowing to corporate interests and instead protect the public interest, jack van den Akker San Diego, CA Cable has the public by the throat, pleas do not give them more power, to big to fail does not help the public. Please do not approve this. Robert Melansion San Diego, CA Cable companies in general and COMCAST in particular have no right to get any bigger than they already are. They show less civic and moral responsibility to their customers and the public they "Serve" the bigger they get. If I had a say in it they would all be shrunk to no larger than 20% of any regional competitor. Bob Melanson

### George DeVore Novato, CA

Cable companies already offer so little choice in selecting channels I really want to pay to watch. The last thing I need is one less player on the field, and even less flexibility in subscription. PLEASE stop the proposed Comcast - Time Warner cable merger, and any other Comcast expansion within California, as not being in the best interests of the cable subscriber. Thank you.

#### June Carhart

#### Magalia, CA

Cable bills have climbed higher and higher over the past 10 years, and the service has declined at the same rate. This merger will only give consumers even less choice than they have now, and will give Comcast even more power to continue to raise rates. There is nothing good for the consumer in this merger

### David Hucknall San Diego, CA Cable & internet services will be worse and costs will be higher if this is allowed to go through. This merger is not in the public interest and I strongly oppose it.

## Siu Choy

## Cupertino, CA

Broadband Internet and cable TV are already highly concentrated industries, with a handful of corporations accounting for most of the customers. Once upon a time antitrust authorities, looking at this situation, would probably have been trying to cut Comcast down to size. Letting it expand would have been unthinkable. The big concern about making Comcast even bigger isn't reduced competition for customers in local markets -for one thing, there's hardly any effective competition at that level anyway. It is that Comcast would have even more power than it already does to dictate terms to the providers of content for its digital pipes -- and that its ability to drive tough deals upstream would make it even harder for potential downstream rivals to challenge its local monopolies. The reason this deal is scary is that · 10 64 00 , <sup>1</sup>, , <sub>0</sub>, , , .1

Mike Caetano Fresno, CA Break up monopoly!

#### Ken Mundy

Los Angeles, CA

Both Time Warner and Comcast are horrible companies to deal with, who have no use for their customers other than to collect as much as they can in revenue. Allowing them to further monopolize the telecom industry is as anti-consumer as it can be, and would do great harm to consumers as competition ceases to exist.

#### Vicky Makita Gardena, CA

Both Comcast and Time Warner Cable are rated at the bottom of the list of consumer rated telecast companies. I have not used Comcast, but I have used TWC. They charged me for a cable box which I didn't order and which I never received and it took months to get the monthly charge removed off of my bill, even after going down to the cable store, getting a technician to check out the location where the cable was plugged in, and making repeated calls on the phone.

Darolyn Attkisson Mill Valley, CA Both California and the nation need more competition, not less, in the cable industry (in all industries, actually). John M Keefe South Pasadena, CA Block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. The merger is not in the best interests of the public due to higher prices which will result because of the merger.

Darren Heller Studio city, CA Bigger is not better. More choices and competition is better for the majority. Less is better for the companies stock price.

Peter Joseph, M.D. San Anselmo, CA Bigger is NOT better. Mary Helen Ellis Upland, CA Bigger is not better, it is just a more unstopable bully. Also, efficiency is not efficiency when I have to spend hours and hours getting a minor error committed by a large companycorrected.

Beatrice Pressley Walnut Creek, CA Bigger is NOT better and Comcast is already too big and unresponsive..

Ashis Sengupta Walnut Creek, CA Bigger Comcast does not serve us better. It will, in reality, serve us worse. Not only that, our prices will go up and up. So, please do us a favor and don't let the merger take place. You have the power to stop the merger. Maggie Walsh Studio City, CA Big Corporations do not act in the interest of the individual consumer - they act in the interest of their shareholders. The ONLY thing that keeps big corporations under control is competition. Please ensure that competition continues in California, and that cable and internet users continue to have a choice.

#### Robert Schleifer

Ventura, CA

Being the person once called Gov. Moonbeam, this is an apt moment to deny Comcast and Time Warner Cable from monopolizing TV programming and pricing. Thanks for all you've done for our trend-setting state. Many blessings, and a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### Don Garrett

Escondido, CA

Because very large, powerful corporations are the cause of this government becoming fascist, (corporatist). The politicians are just high priced whores, and the mergers are aware of that. Carol Iantuono

Alamo, CA

Because of the monopoly system, I am forced to use Comcast. It is rated the worst corporation in the United States. I am forced to deal with it because of the lack of competition for my needs. I don't want it merging and gain more power. What Comcast needs is to have less power and more oversight. Dealing with them is impossible.

#### June Green Belmont, CA

Based on my experience as a customer of Comcast, there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that they have only one goal. Get as much money as they can from each and every customer. No one - no one, is happy with their higher and higher and higher fees while giving only phony lip service to claiming there dedication to service. This is a company that will surly abuse us all if we give them more power with less competition.

Thomas Filip Moorpark, CA Bad deal for consumers! Please do all in your power to ensure this doesn't become "the norm". sam shweiky napa, CA Bad customer service, way too expensive, almost no competition in the market place.

#### B. Chan

San Diego, CA

At the very least, a standard of service that ensures minimal disruption of consumers' lives and reasonable response times too service needs to be achieved. Allowing a monopoly in this sector costs lives and lowers standards of living! Michael-Leonard Creditor

#### La Jolla, CA

Aside from the potential conflicts-of-interest in some geographic markets, this move would severely alter the balance of power that exists in the overall market, giving the Company almost complete control over any labor or service dispute. Added to this is the documented terrible service provided by Comcast -listed by customers as WORST in the nation. The proposed merger must NOT be allowed to proceed.

#### Bego Gerber

#### Sunnyvale, CA

As you are no doubt aware, elsewhere, many people get better internet service at lower prices than Comcast offers. (See, for instance,

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/05/internetspeed-united-states-digital-divide\_n\_1855054.html.) You must also be aware that the likelihood of better rates and service will be diminished by giving Comcast a monopoly as a service provider by allowing there purchase of Time-Warner. I urge you to prevent this merger and to maintain the kind of competition for which the USA is justly renowned. Thank you for your strong advocacy on behalf of the citizenry rather than the monopolists.

#### Kathryn Nelson

#### Walnut Creek, CA

As with countless other people, I totally dislike the poor quality, tactics and domination of Comcast and am very opposed to this merger. I have the good fortune to live where there is a choice of services and now have Astound from Wave Broadband at \$119 a month for a triple bundle compared to the poor impersonal service and outrageous contracts charged by Comcast and their regularly increased charges. Comcast uses agressive, deceptive promotions, wants to be a monopoly and spends tons of money on almost daily hard copy mailings to fixed income seniors like me. Comcast is a plague to the environment, annoying and very very costly. You represent the interests of consumers. Please oppose this merger and give us more reliable, affordable choices. Educated retirees who use cable services to 1 1 • 1

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## Donald Wixson Rescue, CA

As the power of large companies grows the welfare of individuals decreases. Limit the growth of companies.

Trisha Cooley Santa Clara, CA As it is now, Comcast already messes up our service. Don't let things get worse.

#### Elaine Pitts Santa Rosa, CA

As it is currently Comcast is a horrible company that lacks any sense of true customer service. As such it would truly be a travesty to allow Comcast to acquire Time Warner; a monopoly is not what we need! We need fair market competition to inspire Comcast to be a better company. More importantly people i.e. potential clients need another entertainment provider choice as a sigh of relief from the poor service Comcast offers.

#### Rob sczupak

#### Oceanside, CA

As in the banking industry, consolidation in the utility industry is not in the consumer's best interest. Many years ago in a land far far away (Massachusetts), my bank was BayBank. Then: 1) BayBank was eaten by Bank of Boston 2) Bank of Boston was eaten by Fleet Bank 3) Fleet Bank was eaten by Bank of America ...and now I enjoy an Annual Percentage Yield on my savings account of 0.01%. There's no motivation for BofA to do anything for me - Wells Fargo and Chase are just as bad - we're nothing more than the proverbial 'fish in a barrel' to them. In the same way, Comcast won't be motivated to work for me if this consolidation goes thru. YOU NEED TO STOP IT,

**Richard McGonagle** 

Burbank, CA

As if Comcast wasn't enough of a mega monster. We don't want any company to have this much of a monopoly in California. And no matter how you sugar coat it that's exactly what is happening here.

#### David Bentley

San Francisco, CA

As I recall, business experts have always told us that diverse owners of businesses is better than concentrating the ownership. It seems to me that diverse ownership or control of cable broadcasting would bring all Californians better service and more choices than a single owner would. Please oppose Comcast taking over the cable business of the entire state of California. Thank you very much. Sandie Minasian Porter Ranch, CA As a Time Warner custo

As a Time Warner customer, I have watched the prices go up and the quality go down. I've no doubt that if Comcast is successful that trend will continue. Please don't allow this mega-monopoly to become a reality.

Trevolyn Haines Chino Hills, CA As a Time Warner customer, I do not approve of the merger. Alex Gonzalez Moreno Valley, CA

As a self-employed entrepreneur, I disagree with allowing large corporations monopolize entire regions and industries and prevent smaller players from having a shot at competing in the market. Please vote AGAINST the proposed merger of Time Warner and Comcast.

Nathaniel Howitz Los Angeles, CA As a former Pennsylvania resident, I managed to escape the clutches of Comcast's awful customer service. Please don't allow them to make CA the ISP distopia that do much of the rest of the country already is.

## Margaret Bonetti

Salinas, CA

As a former customer of Comcast I ask that they not be allowed to dominate the market by merging with Time Warner. We must have competition. The publics interest will not be met through Corporate mergers.

#### dave mcsparran

Los Angeles, CA

as a former comcast customer, i can tell you it's one of the most dishonest companies i've ever done business with. i will never subscribe to comcast again. to allow them to merge with time warner, who also has a terrible reputation is a bad idea. no no no merger.

## James Suthers

## Burbank, CA

As a former Comcast customer (and friend of a Time Warner Cable customer), the idea that these two behemoths of horrific customer service would merge is nauseating to me. One, they're both awful companies that seem to have nothing but contempt for their customers. Two, together they could wield incredibly destructive power with respect to lobbying Congress to wreck net neutrality and to further protect themselves from any responsibility to properly serve paying customers. Alone, they're bad enough. Together, they would be a nearly unstoppable force of self-serving corporate evil.

Miriam Klughaupt Mountain View, CA

As a former Comcast customer who experienced horrendous customer and technical service, I find it deeply disturbing that they might be allowed to have further reach than they already do. Until dealing with them I didn't know it was possible to hate a company. Now I do. If my experience with them had been an isolated one, perhaps I wouldn't still experience a visceral reaction to their unfortunate existence. But a simple look online regarding cutomer complaints reveals a clear picture of the disgusting manner in which they operate. California has always been the most progressive of all the U.S. states. As a born and bred Californian I would be incredibly disappointed if the PUC were to make a backwards move allowing Comcast to take over Time Warner Cable. PLEASE do . 1 . .1 . 1 τı . . . . . . .

#### Lorraine Priceman Woodland Hills, CA

As a current subscriber to Time-Warner, I am very opposed to the proposed takeover by Comcast. There is no way that this merger can benefit the public. Comcast should not be allowed to control such a wide range of media through this monopoly. Comcast currently controls a television network, NBC and a content producer, Universal. To allow Comcast to enlarge its control of the media in Los Angeles will limit the options of the viewers and inhibit production of a wide variety of opinions and ideas. This merger will only decrease the available content and increase the financial advantage of this huge company. We do not need further consolidation of media outlets on Los Angeles.

anne Thomas Davis, CA

As a current Comcast user with little other choice for required services, I am familiar with this company's poor level of service and exorbitant fees. That they could become more influential and further monopolize choice with the proposed merger is astounding to me. I urge you to stop this merger in its tracks and encourage Comcast to respond to its customer complaints in good faith.

# Marvin Zwerin

## San Rafael, CA

As a current Comcast subscriber, I have to say that their service is the worst. Have a problem, bring your equipment to the service center and we'll swap it out. Can't figure out what's the problem? Need a service tech? "Forget about it." I quit Comcast several years ago but came back because the other service provider was even worse. Anything to stop the degrading of the rush for the bottom by all the internet/cable providers must be done. Allowing the merger will make terrible service and a "we don't give a damn about the customer" situation even worse.

Patrick Kossow Palmdale, CA As a consumer of cable and internet services in California, I feel that it is extremely important to have adequate competition in the marketplace in order to ensure that prices remain competitive, that product innovation and advances in technology are continually ongoing. Therefore, I urge you to vote NO on Comcast's proposed takeover of Time Warner Cable in CA.

Sixto Melendez Van Nuys, CA As a consumer I want options not monopolies.

Courtney Bryant

Menlo Park, CA

As a Comcast subscriber I am deeply opposed to the merger with Time Warner. I have seen some improvements of late but I fear that will all stop if the merger proceeds. The price of cable is far too high already. allen bohnert Davis, CA As a Comcast Customers - my family and I highly recommend a NO vote for this merger. Thank you. Stephen Peithman

## Davis, CA

As a Comcast customer, I can attest that their service is extremely pricey, and continues to increase in cost. Lessening competition via the proposed merger will not encourage Comcast to rethink its cost structure. Please reject this merger.

### Jim Hieronymus Portola Valley, CA As a Comcast customer paying high prices and getting poor service. Without competition the service quality will continue to decline.

#### Ron Koopman

Livermore, CA

As a Comcast customer I have watched my rates rise to unacceptable levels with no viable alternatives. This will only get worse if the merger goes through. More price competition is needed, not less.

# Mark Fetler

Elk Grove, CA

As a Comcast customer (with too few other choices), I rate the service as poor and the cost as unjustifiably high. A merger with Time Warner portends worse customer service and higher prices to come. I emphatically urge the Commissioners to deny this proposed merger. More real competition is needed, not less.

#### Ann Williams

Coalinga, CA

As a Christian (believes in Jesus Christ, our Savior), I must speak Biblical: "do unto others as ye would have them do unto you" (in other words, do the right thing, because ye shall reap what ye sow (Thus saith the Lord, Jesus Christ). Christopher Seo Studio City, CA

As a Californian and broadband user, I reject Comcast. This corporation proudly holds their own interests above those of their customers (not to mention public opinion) with regard to net neutrality. They do not deserve to arrogate another 11 million TV and broadband subscribers. The "non-overlapping markets" argument is specious, as a post-merger Comcast would have even more resources to stifle much-needed regulation and legislation. We need more competition, not less--I strongly support the creation of virtual ISPs and pray for Google Fiber. Lithuania and Estonia make our broadband look like a joke, and I can only assume Comcast hopes no one is noticing. Michael Blume Orinda, CA Aren't our choices limited enough already? We have very little choice in each neighborhood. Don't let Comcast be a monopoly.

#### Paul Albert Freedom, CA

Are you planning to make Comcast the old AT&T of the past? I mean why are we discussing this. It's a monopoly with very poor customer service. Oh but why would the gov't care about it's people. It always has to side with the corporate business model. The people are really more or less an annoyance. Let's just make more an more money for the CEO's and just forget about service, integrity of utilities or even competition. Isn't that what this country should be about?

### Brenda Bragg

Napa, CA

Are you guys kidding? Comcast promises the moon and delivers lousy service and doesn't follow up. I've had nothing but trouble from them at my home and at my business. These cable companies (monopolies) are total failures when it comes to customer service and reliability and providing what they promise. Stuart GILMAN Irvine, CA Approving the Comcast merger will reduce competition, consumer choice, and rates. Please say no.

## Robert Greenfield

Culver City, CA

Anyone who has ever gone through the horror of doing business with TWC, their illegal business practices, their poor service, their holding up customers for illegitimate charges only to refer them to collection when objection is made, shutters at the thought of a bigger problem you would be created by not stopping this merger.

Susana Hennessey Lavery San Francisco, CA Another question.where does competitive prices go in a merger?

# Jim Jordan

Pleasant Hill, CA

Another monopoly is not a good idea. Service will get worse and prices will go up. Say NO to a merger or a buyout.

#### Matt Woolery La Jolla, CA

La Jolla, CA

ANOTHER merger of cable giants? Because we have so much choice of cable companies now in any particular market in California? Why does France get tv-phoneblazing fast internet for \$30 a month and 14 companies to choose from and we get MAYBE 2 for \$100 a month? Does France have more liberty and democracy than we do? Just less oligarchy??

### Linda Perez

Pleasanton, CA

An unregulated monopoly is not in the best interest of California residents. But this is what will happen if the PUC allows the merger of Time Warner and Comcast. As it is the price of cable is too high and going up every year. If you eliminate the competition, there will be no incentive for Comcast to control costs. Please take this under consideration.

**Richard Schwager** Santa Barbara, CA Americans suffer one of the WORST telecommunications systems in the world BECAUSE THERE IS NO COMPETITION and our internet infrastructure is WELL BELOW PAR. This is because Comcast and related ISPs are allowed to "bundle" their offerings and present consumers with BUNCHES OF UNWANTED CONTENT and are allowed to ONLY OFFER CONSUMER'S CHOICES WITH THEIR GROSSLY OVERPRICED high end bundles. I (and other consumers) DEMAND A BETTER SYSTEM. BOTH WITH BETTER SPEED AND INDIVIDUALIZED CHOICE OF SERVICES. Please STOP this merger and FORCE COMCAST TO FIX THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE'S SPEED and GIVE CUSTOMERS THE RIGHT TO INDIVIDUALIZED

Linda Steenson San Diego, CA America already pays more for slower Internet than other industrialized nation due to lack of competition. Please don't allow Comcast to monopolize the industry and hold us hostage! Harold Stoddard

San Francisco, CA

Although I am not now a cable customer, I may be in the future. But probably not if Comcast and Time Warner merge. These megacompanies have too much market power already, and Comcast has become notorious for customer abuse. This industry needs more competition. A breakup of these companies would serve the public interest. A merger will not. Jeff Thompson Lodi, CA

Although I am currently a Comcast customer, I cannot support this merger. Comcast service is marginal and customer service is poor. I shutter to think how service will be if Comcast has a monopoly.

#### William Buchman, PhD, PE Torrance, CA

Although Consumers Union was the catalyst that got me to write this, my experience with Comcast gives me the incentive to prevent Comcast from becoming a bigger behemoth than it already is. About ten years ago Comcast dinged my credit. I refused to pay a bill they sent me because I did not owe them anything. It was impossible to reach anyone at Comcast to protest or negotiate with them. Trying to use their web site was a snipe hunt where I was left holding the bag. Written communication was equally unproductive. My son told me to just pay the bill but I refused. Comcast never said anything about the possibility of sending a payment to a regulatory agency until such a dispute was resolved. They just sent more bills. The history dates back to when cable companies started providing high-speed тттт. т 1 

Bea Trenier

Santa Maria, CA

allowwing conglomerates takes away competition, leads to higher prices, poor customer service, and does not allow me to choose the best probider.. Samantha White Roseville, CA

Allowing this merger will do nothing but raise prices and take away one of the few "choices" we can make here in California, at least in regards to our cable and Internet. We would rather have the ability to shop for our preferences, so please don'the take that away.

#### Alvin Lau Willits, CA

Allowing these two large companies to merge will limit my choices. Furthermore, the merger will not benefit our economy. With choices becoming restricted, the prices I and other residents in my area will be based on the prices the new company sets. Keep Comcast and Time Warner Cable two separate companies. Lee Ann Smith Oakland, CA Allowing the merger of two companies with negative reputations is not the way to serve the public. Do not do it! Michael Dilts

Carlsbad, CA

Allowing the creation of a monopoly over television and internet access is the LAST thing we need right now. I have personal experience with both Time Warner and Comcast and the customer service they provide is already abysmal. Without the pressure of competition they will have no motivation whatsoever to improve. Janus Baez-Ward

Arroyo Grande, CA

Allowing Comcast to take over the highest part of the population in the state, thereby eliminating the meager competition remaining in the telephone and broadband services should be unthinkable. We consumers deserve a PUC that has our interests at heart. Please don't give these predators a free hand into our wallets.

josh pearson

manteca, CA

Allowing Comcast to merge with time warner is a huge mistake and is just creating a monopoly that has the potential to bleed the public dry with inconceivable demands for internet, television and cellular utilities Graham Metcalfe

Santa Rosa, CA

Allowing Comcast to become a de facto monopoly in California would be a blow to consumers and businesses. Without competition there is no drive to compete through pricing, technology and infrastructure. The California economy thrives on competition and needs to have a competitive marketplace for broadband services - especially for out internet and technology based economy. Imagine allowing a single company to dominate broadband services. A company that can manipulate access and speed to select companies and services. Now think how devastating this will be to start-up entrepreneurs, mid-sized companies and individuals whose livelihood is dependent on competitive pricing and technology. Allowing Comcast to merge with Time-Warner has the potential to throttle 1 . . .. 1 · • • • •

Bill Eisen

Manhattan Beach, CA

All we get from Time Warner is a huge selection of second rated channels, a service that goes down several times a week, and ever higher rates. The proposed Time Warner-Comcast merger is about as anticompetitive as it gets. Mary Jane Hargrove Walnut Creek, CA All these mega mergers do not result in improved services at reduced costs for the consumers. The results are often higher prices and inferior service. Neither Time Warner nor Comcast are known for their happy customers. Why eliminate true free-market competition? Janice Hahn Visalia, CA All Comcast knows how to do is continually to raise our rates! One day the cable bill will be close to a month's rent! Howard Wookey Santa Barbara, CA After huge rate increases and monopolistic business practices, let's stop the Comcast/Time Warner merger and focus on the people's rights to a fair marketplace.

Jan Wells Redwood City, CA After 30 years of generally unsatifactory service from Comcast and its predecessors, I do not want to see any greater degree of concentration here.

Karla Frandson San Diego, CA Act for California citizens -- say NO to Comcast takeover!

Stephanie Zappa Oakland, CA Absolutely NOT--we don't need more monopoly! Erica Silverman Los Angeles, CA A Time Warner -Comcast merger means fewer choices, higher prices and worse service. This merger is bad for consumers. Don't allow it to go through! Ronald Sobchik Fullerton, CA A monopoly such as Comcast is about to foist on the California Public can not be good for the consumer of cable services. I implore you to turn down their attempt to capture this market.

Sharon Clark Novato, CA A monopoly on television broadcast is INSANE. JUST SAY NO!

Tamara Thompson Redlands, CA A monopoly is never good for the consumer. You would not be siding on rights for Californians. Please do not allow this to happen!!

Darya Ansari San Francisco, CA A monopoly is never a good thing. California does NOT want this merger to happen..

Pierre Crist Santa Rosa, CA A monopoly called a "merger" is still a monopoly. Sam Mataraso Walnut Creek, CA A monopoly by any other name is still a monopoly. In this case, a monopoly of bad service at high prices!

### Jay Fuselier

## Sebastopol, CA

A mistake at Comcast erroneously messed up my credit which cost me a vehicle loan needed to facilitate my commute to work. It took months to reconcile and nearly cost my job. Additionally, their rates are astronomical, their customer service is horrible, and in order to diversify ISPs and maintain net neutrality, the country needs competition between service providers. We need to combat this monopolizing takeover by Comcast by saying "NO" to the merger.

David Scharf Los Angeles, CA A merger would mean too much power concentrated in one company. Its bad enough as it already is. Less corporate power, not more!

Nancy Segreto Greenbrae, CA A merger of Time Warner and Comcast is not in the interest if any consumer in California as it will only ensure higher prices and deteriorating service in an industry already known doe that. The PUC should absolutely stop this from happening.

# Susan Paulson

Castro Valley, CA

A merger of the two largest and WORST cable companies is unlawful, unfair, and undermines consumers. By "worst" I mean that more customers are dissatisfied with Comcast and Time Warner than any other cable companies. They come in last and second to last. Net neutrality will also disappear. Don't let yet another corporatocracy merger degrade and undermine consumer rights! You have a backbone, ethics and consciousness. Use them or lose them!

#### Ward Hinds

#### Concord, CA

A merger of Comcast with Time Warner would create a virtual monopoly in Califsrnia, as well as many other states. Monopolies never benefit the people, they only benefit stockholders and CEOs! We need real competition in this market in order to create the best products and service at the best price. That is what a real free market is really about. Please do not let a virtual monopoly occur that would adversely affect millions across our state!

Karen Spease Arroyo Grande, CA A merger of Comcast and Time Warner cable services will not serve the public interest.
#### Ron Rahav

### Northridge, CA

A merger between Time Warner and Comcast will reduce competition, degrade products and consumer services, and increase pricing. Their main argument in favor of the merger is that they (mostly) operate in different geographical markets and therefore do not compete against each other. This argument is misleading. They don't compete against each other NOW, but WILL compete against each other soon if they are to grow. Comcast and Time Warner (like any company) want to grow and expand. They know that the only way for them to grow is to expand in to each other's (and other cable provider's) territories. In order to grow they would be forced to compete against each other. To do that, they would have to IMPROVE services and DECREASE prices. They don't want to do 1 / T/ 1 1 1

laura scott LOS ANGELES, CA

A merger between Comcast and TWC would be a terrible blow for Californians. It's bad enough that the cable companies have monopolies within their respective markets -- is cable really worth the average \$1200 we pay per year (even more when you add in internet access). Do we need one cable company to have a monopoly on the state as well? Giving them even more power to set high and rising rates while providing terrible service is not in our best interest. Please block this merger.

Gabriel Gardner Lakewood, CA A merger between Comcast and Time Warner would create a de-facto monopoly in large areas of California. The prudent anti-trust position to take is to oppose and prohibit their merger.

David Walker Pleasanton, CA A merger between Comcast and Time Warner benefits no consumers. Please block this merger.

Nancy Collins Vista, CA A lack of competition is not in the public interest. Please do not allow the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Dr. Lisa Christie Thousand Oaks, CA A Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger would reduce competition to the detriment of the consumer. Calahan Miller Encinitas, CA A Comcast-Time Warner Cable deal would create an unpopular media monolith. Gary Meisner Paradise, CA A comcast/Time Warner merger is a disastrously dumb idea. A great way to make an already monopolized sector worse.

# Laura Reyes

# Davis, CA

A Comcast representative wearing a safetly vest came into the local hospice where I work saying they had an appointment to run cable. I got our IT person immediately. Our IT person said that we did not have an appointment and we did not want cable run. The Comcast person departed. This is really bad taste and very, very poor marketing on the behalf of Comcast. Comcast is not a trustworthy company!

# Bob Zimmerman

Tahoe City, CA

A clear example of why this merger won't work for real people? Look at the recent hassle with Comcast threatening to take away CSNCA/BA from their line-up. If they have more control, these types of issues will be routine and people will lose access to information they want. More providers equals more competition, means more people who actually pay for the service benefit.

# Dave Newman

SANTA ANA, CA

A bigger Comcast is NOT in my best interest - nor the interest of Californians. It will only make things worse for everybody - EXCEPT Comcast (and maybe you if you were paid off by Comcast)

# Philip Leiserson

# Marysville, CA

1. Please prevent the merger. Fewer monopolies are not in the interest of anyone other than the monopoly. 2. Cable and satellite companies should be required to provide the highest speed available to all citizens. 3. Content should be like over-the-air broadcasting, that is, leave it up to the citizen to watch or listen to what he or she wants. rosemarie kuhn

fresno, CA

1. A merger means higher fees for us. 2. Less or no choices! 3. No, no way Comcast! 4. Well, maybe it is time that we stop using Comcast! 5. After all, with netflix and all the info and programs on-line...

rich yurman oakland, CA .Yow! Dealing with Comcast is a nightmare. They constantly got the billing wrong, reneged on deals and special offers, overcharged out credit card acct. And to top it off, the service was spotty at best.

## Alan Bicho

Morgan Hill, CA

.You've already undermined you creditability as the rate payers champion with the recent relationship irregularities with PG&E, don't blow it here. Both Comcast and Time-Warner deliver below par customer service and unjustifiable rates for services. Stand up for the rate payers here in California. Send a message to the rest of the nation that California PUC is for the people.

nick reynoso Concord, CA .Your too expensive ... And if I had a chance to have your service I wouldn't take it even if you paid me

### Judy Baker

Los Altos, CA

Your title says it all "Public Utilities Commissioners". These companies including Comcast are providing utilities for the public and the companies should not be allowed to get so big that there is no meaningful competion or regulation so that the public will be protected from their greed. Comcast and other companies like them should be reclassified as public utilities. This is what they have always been until the Bush administration decided to reclass them apparently for the good of the companies instead of the publice.

### Robert Brent

Sebastopol, CA

.Your responsibility is to us, the consumers, and not to the vast corporate interests trying not only to have a virtual monopoly on California, but to eliminate net neutrality as well. These are greedy corporations, and no public benefit can possibly come from allowing this merger. You must stop it. Raul Patino Anaheim, CA .your killing us with this waste---no merger please. Peter Sardellitto Santa Cruz, CA .Your constituents are not asking for this deal. Big money is.

Steve Ashcraft South Lake Tahoe, CA .You must block this merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Our service is already poor and our choices even poorer. Competition is in the best interest of the public, we need all the choices possible.

tony alfino san diego, CA .you might as well do one good thing

George Masson San Francisco, CA

.You do not need to give Comcast such a monopoly. Competition at least in different areas of the state are needed to keep the businesses from ignoring or not caring about the customers. Tom Sanchez Los Angeles, CA .You cannot allow the merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable to happen. Yes, they might be useful to you, politically, but that's not the reason to allow these two giant telecommunications giants that, already, stifle local news coverage and non-mainstream voices from gaining news coverage or entertainment content through their companies. By agreeing to their merger, you agree to further monopolization of American media. That's unconstitutional and un-American. I only hope that good sense prevails in your decision, a decision to truly preserve democracy in the United States, not a totalitarian state. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Roderick Brown San Diego, CA .You both make monny from Sport, how would that work if there was only one team on the field. Compatition build's strength. Andy Murphy Boulder Creek, CA

.You are the publics last hope to stop this clumsy but power attempt by Comcast to literally dominate the California market. Please, please turn an ear to the public good and deny this transparent power grab! Thank you.

Robert Reed Lake Elsinore, CA .you are supposed to protect us from monopoly practices, not facilitate them... mary ortega Oxnard, CA

.Yet another way to put the squeeze on the middle class. I'm retired, and Time Warner is already pushing the limit of my budget. Please stop the merger--it will only cost us more.

Joan Knisely Camarillo, CA .Yes, we are fed up with high prices and lousy service. Monopolies are never a good thing. Chimey Lee Berkeley, CA

.Years ago I watched this black plaque "Comcast" moving into my neighborhood with misgiving, feeling very strongly that they did not have the true well fare of the neighborhood at heart and now it is like a virus that is difficult to remove. Please help us remove all viruses of this kind! Bob Miller Santa Rosa, CA .wwhat happened to COMPETITION? Elen Gaches Napa, CA .Wow, are you kidding me!? For obvious reasons, Comcast should not be allowed to become a further monopoly. They already have the worst customer service and are unresponsive to consumers.

Alton Johnson Palm Springs, CA .Would you people Wake-up ! Time-Warner is bad enough but to let them merge with Comcast is adding Bad on Top of Bad ! Must be nice to have pockets lined by big companies with lots of \$\$\$\$\$......

Teresa Montanelli Alameda, CA .Worst cable service ever!

June Ehemann Duarte, CA .With out competition the price will spiral out of control. This must not happen. Eleanor Anderson-Miles Richmond, CA

.With only one company controlling internet access and our ability to use the internet equally, California's ability to lead the nation in business launches and growth will be lost. Just as roads are equal to all, so too should the Internet be. Pat Hirschbek Mountain View, CA .Will raise our rates... not enough competition. Marylou Garcia 550 orange ave., CA .will our service under Comcast go up?

amelia holguin San Jose, CA .Why wouldn't you stop Comcast in California!!!! Clarke Robinson San Mateo, CA .Why would you let any company, let alone one with the worst customer service record in the country, have (essentially) monopoly control over anything in California. You should be encouraging consumer \*choice\*, not the opposite.

Linda Gibb Rancho Cucamonga, CA .Why would you condone a Monopoly? John Flynn La Canada Flintridge, CA .Why would we allow this merger? Isn't competition good for consumers? Simone ST CLARE Martinez, CA .why should the privileges of a corporation to extract money from people be more important then the choices that those people should have?

John deCastro San Francisco, CA .Why not just bring back the Bell System. That is what will happen if Comcast gets a monopoly on CA.

Fred Allen

San Pedro, CA

.Why must we suffer some of the slowest speed and the highest prices year after year. Where is the competition? It doesn't exist. Stop this merger now Norman King

Walnut Creek, CA

Why is this needed? To put it kindly, the public does not have a high opinion of Comcast, nor of cable companies and Internet service providers in general. Subscription TV and ISPs sit at the bottom of the American Customer Satisfaction Index's annual measure of communications industries. In the latest survey, ISPs dropped 3.1% to an ACSI score of 63 on a 100-point scale, while subscription TV fells 4.4% to 65. "These industries, which include many of the same companies, are the worst performing among 43 tracked by the ACSI. Meanwhile, customer satisfaction with cell phones improves 2.6% to 78 and wireless phone service remains at 72," according to ACSI, Comcast sits nearly at the bottom of the rankings for pay-TV providers, only ahead of its anticipated merger partner Time Warner

John Miles Santa Maria, CA .Why is this even an issue? We're not living in Mississippi. John Miles Bill Hatch Monterey, CA .Why is comcast so expensive when alternatives are so much cheaper Rob Johnson El Cajon, CA .Why am I better off with fewer choices????? Gordon Nixon Sacramento, CA .Why allow a merger of Comcast with any company-it would mean Comcast is being rewarded for having the worst customer service of any large corporation in America.

Dodie Shepard Burbank, CA .Whst er do NOT,NOT need is greedy corporation taking over the airwaves. This is the very thing we have been fighting against for seems ever. Stop this from happening NOW

Robert Chapman Lancaster, CA .Which part of NO do you need help with?

# KERT JORDAN

SEAL BEACH, CA .Where there is no compitition there is less of a desire for customer service and fair pricing...It does not make any sense. The only benifit is for the owner of the monoply and maybe those who push this as a good thing Brett Blashill San Clemente, CA .Where is the competition? As the telecom industries continue to merge, how is that good for consumers? Who is watching the farm today? Lenore Sheridan Berkeley, CA .Where I live in Berkeley we have no choice but comcast for cable. the prices go up every year with no loyalty discounts. Seniors where I live pay as much as \$120 per month just to be able to watch basketball

games.

## joan martin Novato, CA

.Where I live comcast has dominated my cable, phone & internet service since 2005.Because they already have a monoply in my neighborhood with services and pricing,...I am stuck with them. To make it worse, 2-3 years ago they closed their local store and if you need equipment..one must need a car to drive to the next town. I am a senior and don't drive so I would have to pay comcast a fee for a service call..

Dan Peragine Carlsbad, CA .where are the anti-trust laws? Where is competition? Syop this un American abuse of power! Ronile Valenza

San Rafael, CA

.When you live in an area that does not get good reception, your choices are limited. Comcast is already too big and expensive for what you get - they offer packages when you have to subscribe and pay for many channels you never watch and don't want, to get the ones you do want. There track record for service is less than stellar. A merger would, IMHO, make them a monopoly, since the satellite providers aren't really an option. Don't give them more power over our TV and Internet options than they already have. Please, DO NOT approve the Comcast/Time Warner merger.

Jesse Sasaki Gardena, CA .When will you do something about this monopoly? Michael Jackson

#### Claremont, CA

.When we lived in Utah, Comcast had over-reached and was too large to provide adequate service to its customers, of which we were one. A year ago, they had not yet developed the necessary infrastructure to provide competent and timely service there. Please say no to the proposed merger with Time Warner to prevent this from happening here in California. Bigger is not better and we are happy with our relationship with Time Warner. To approve this merger would not be in the best interests of Californians. Nancy Garvin

San Jose, CA

when we allow mergers we inch closer to monopolies. When we have monopolies we lose quality, value and the freedom to decide the best service for each individual and each household. Stop to Comcast -Time Warner merger today.

#### Rita Shamban

Los Angeles, CA

.When something is clearly not in the best interests of the public who you've sworn (I hope) to serve, what other consideration do you need other than the greater good. Please do what your public considers best which is not to have a 1600lb corporate gorilla sending them a bill every month.

#### Gloria Sams

Santa Cruz, CA

.When our senior housing was being built, Comcast swooped in and got a contract so that our tenants are unable to get any other TV provider. With that followed AT&T who made it impossible for our local internet provider Cruzio to use their lines in our building. Wrong.

#### Tom Pincu

Los Angeles, CA

.When mega corporations control the internet, the costs to the consumer will rise and the service quality will decline. Please stop the Comcast Time Warner merger. The only beneficiary is Comcast. This is not good for the consumer.

Kenneth Rashid

Oceanside, CA

.When I was in the Air Force and lived in Lompoc, I had Comcast network. It was a major debacle. Please don't let this merger with TimeWarner go through. Two bad networks merging become one GIANT bad show! Dorothy Rico

San Jose, CA

When a company has competition they have goals to strive for: lower costs to the consumer better service for the consumer Comcast does not have the best service now. Trying to get a live person to talk to can take over 1/2 an hour and then it's hard to understand them. The cost of service is the highest of all the other options. Don't let them grow larger and keep sucking us for more money. **Richard Burgess** 

Alameda, CA

.When companys get to large I have found they are not as pesponsive to customers concers. I think we all finds this an unacceptable trate that we as consumers have seen happen time after time ! And we end up paying for it....time and again . Pleas do not let this happen again......Rich Burgess, Alameda.Ca. Jeanne Criss Huntington Beach, CA .Whatever happened to the concept of antitrust?!! Please reject this greedy giant's attempt to control California's media.

Paul P. Soucek Sherman Oaks, CA .What?!? And make an already skewed marketplace a COMPLETE monopoly? Not unless there are some serious public service offers from Comcast! dan Thompson San Pedro, CA .What we the people need are fewer multi-national corporations screwing things up and more competition in what is supposed to be a democratic system

# Raymond Courter

Sacramento, CA

.What we need is Teddy Roosevelt to break up these trusts and monopolies that are gaining so much power...soon there will be no competition for these conglomerates...then what??There is no return to reason once having abandoned it..we desperately need someone on our side...act like the governing body and just say no...no to the monopoly...no to the greed...and yes to us...the public that needs and respects you...thank you...Raymond D Courter...rgogiants@gmail.com

Christopher Jeremiah Fremont, CA .What we need is more competition not less. This merger will only lead to higher prices and poorer service. Richard Paperno Somerset, CA .What the hell happened to the idea of stopping monopolies, so that our free system continues to work. The one thing the government should be doing is protecting consumers (the majority) from those that already have more than they need on any level, including profits. Not long ago this was an American value upheld by Government officials. STOP MONOPOLIES NOW! in the name of a capitalism that will continue to work!

Sharon Lacoste Browns Valley, CA .What has happened to anti-trust?

Linda Espino San Diego, CA .What happened to the no monopolies law? Let us have choices! Just say No! Allen Simo Redlands, CA .what good could be in it for us? Less competition will not be better.

Gene Leff Dana Point, CA .What ever happened to the long held concept of "Antitrust?" No single company should have a monopoly over such an important part of Californians' lives.

Paul Badu Anderson, CA .What ever happened to competition? Judy Goldman San Diego, CA .What ever happened to anti-trust laws?THEY EXIST FOR A REASON. ALFRED & MARY SURWIN Ventura, CA .WHAT DO WE USERS GAIN VIA THIS MERGER? Nothing but more power in the hands of fewer .. we the public are almost ALWAYS LOOSERS.. really !!!

Joan Egerton Vista, CA .We've had nothing but non-stop cable increases. This merger will only continue the trend. I say "No"! Mathew Kaplan Long Beach, CA .We've already had so many bad outcomes in California that are related to telecom. Please don't compound those errors by allowing this merger. Keep the net free and entrepreneurial!

Mike Adams Woodside, CA .We're sick of high prices and bad service. This merger will obviously do nothing to make that better. The only one who will be better off is Comcast.

Nagavarapu Mohan Torrance, CA .We're putting too much power in one company! Mary Gregory Studio City, CA .We're asking for your help! This must not happen!Thank you.

dolores volpe Seal Beach, CA .we were led to believe and I still believe that competition is good

Eduardo Gomez Fontana, CA .We want competition, not centralization. We want a free market. We want lower prices. We want better service: faster speeds, NO DATA CAPS, NO THROTLING, and so on.

Shirley McGrath Walnut Creek, CA .We want choice in California! Monopolies are bad for consumers.

Warre Wertheimer San Rafael, CA .We used to be Comcast customers and switched because we were dissatisfied with the service. I feel it would be a real disservice to the public to allow them to gain more power. Erick Salmon

Altadena, CA

We urge you not to allow this merge which will put us at the mercy of Comcast, and worsen the service level we get. You represent us and we trust you won't let us down. diane miller Santa Monica, CA .WE THE PEOPLE demand you say NO to the merger which will only unfairly impact upon condumer pricing and services..No more behemoths please !! Richard Lyon Concord, CA

.We switched away from Comcast because of very poor service and high prices. We understand the legitimate right of companies to make a profit but, Comcast represents to worst of unbridled capitalism and greed,

Loraine Schacher San Diego, CA .We suffered with Comcast when we lived in Los Angeles, and while Time-Warner is not wonderful, it is much better than Comcast! I fear a merger, because a total monopoly of Comcast will be truly terrible. Their "service" was, and probably still is, just awful. Please, please prevent this merger, which is a bad idea! Sincerely, Loraine Schacher

Carol Kuhn Dana Point, CA .We should have a choice of the TV & internet coverage. Don't let Comcast take over Time Warner Cable!

Joseph Watson

Del Mar, CA

.We require giving back to the people to be artistic and craftsmen. Bigger is not better. Less is more. share the planet and it's resources. William Clewell Santa Maria, CA

.We recently moved to Santa Maria from Phoenix. In our neighborhood Comcast is the only provider of high speed Internet service. By comparison with the service we had in Phoenix our service is both more expensive and less reliable. Comcast has little incentive to improve service and as their monopoly increases we can only expect higher costs and poorer service. Please block the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Hawley Holmes Berkeley, CA .We really need cable options-not a monopoly!! Please do not combine Comcast and Time Warner! Robert Edelman Menlo Park, CA .We pay more than any other industrialized country for wireless and telecommunications services. Don't allow this merger. It will reduce the already minimal competition in the industry.

David Whitney Pacifica, CA .We pay enough to Comcast now.We do not want tp pay for merger! Ken Greenwald Santa Monica, CA .We once had many companies in competition with each other. Now we have practically none. Those few that exist want to control everything for profit. NO to Comcast in California!

Carol Pollyea Murphys, CA .We once had a President who knew a monopoly when he one [many] and he took steps to make the practice impossible. He protected the average citizen. Comcast MUST not be the only game in any town!

Barbara Lebeck Pacific Grove, CA .We need variety of choice -- takeovers = less choice for us little guys! George Cunha San Rafael, CA .We need to return to the Teddy Roosevelt, trust-busting days before big corporations take over the whole country. Jinx Hydeman Trabuco, CA .we need to have choices or cable co will keep getting more +more expense please don't approve the take over of Time Warner cable.

Cecille Clark Lincoln, CA .We need to have choices on how we spend money for entertainment. This merger will dictate our TV expense & usage. Please say NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger

Terry Daugherty Seal Beach, CA .We need to have a choice not have a monopoly control our TV' What is happening to our democracy

Poul Hansen

Mountain View, CA

.We need to create choice and competition in the cable market. Here in Mountain View we have only one choice when it comes to internet connections. That is Comcast No more mergers and splitting the cable markets David Witz Playa Del Rey, CA .We need some competition otherwise we will be left with no choices for internet. Diane Des Marets Mckinleyville, CA .We need more, not less choices. Ralph Haag Redlands, CA .We need more smaller providers in order to stimulate competition. Competition encourages a race to provide better service and prices. I urge you to vote NO to this merger.

Mark Morris Grimes, CA .We need more options not less. The less options we have the worse the service and the more we have increases in price because we have no alternatives. Please consider this. Thank you for your time. Linda Hapgood Mountain House, CA .we need more not less cable companies. Please do not allow Comcast to buy Time Warner. They don't provide good service To the customers they have now. Thank you Linda Hapgood

#### raquel brac redlands, CA

We need more internet and cable providers not less. It's time to stop the monopolization of this important industry. Do not allow the Comcast merger with Time Warner. Americans are tired enough of poor, expensive service, we do not need to see more of this. Anne Wardell Richmond, CA .We need more diversity, not less. Comcast is way too expensive as it is. Hopefully more competition would improve the quality of service and provide better value. tim sato Los Angeles, CA .we need more competitions not monopoly and terrible services.

Kenneth Lanham La Quinta, CA .We need more competition; not less!

Sue Hammond Martinez, CA .We need MORE competition, not less, between cable companies! Ronald De Fields Lemon Grove, CA .We need more competition, not less in transmission services. Time Warner standard rates are already high. We need competition, not mergers, to force the rates back down to reasonable. The proposed merger is not in the public's interest.

Kenneth Lanham La Quinta, CA .We need MORE competition, NOT LESS !! linnea Fronce & Thomas Hall sacramento, CA .WE NEED MORE COMPETITION, NOT LESS Rick Wilkie Glendale, CA .We need more competition, not consolidation of services. I feel the internet is like a public park. It should be there for everyone. For me, this merger and what it represents is like a threat of Century 21 trying to buy Yosemite. Given their record, I do not trust Comcast or Time Warner to make decisions that favor the little guy.

John Taillac

Danville, CA

.We need more competition not less. The Comcast Warner Cable merger does not benefit me or the California market. Their rates and pricing are extremely high with no comparable benefit to the customers. Their service is extremely poor both in phone and broadband service.

Sue Addison Santa Cruz, CA

.We need more competition not less. Say no to Comcast, say yes to protecting California residents. We certainly do not need one company controlling our market. We do not need one company determining the price. We do not need one company deciding what channels we can view. Diana Duncan Santa Monica, CA

.We need more competition not less. This merger is a bad idea. We have only one choice here and I do not trust Comcast to deliver all that we need.

Robert Biehl San Diego, CA, CA .We need more competition not less. Please do not approve this merger.

## Judy Hall

# Irvine, CA

.We need more competition not less. Currently my cable bill increases almost monthly with no explanation. Meanwhile the service gets worse. I want more choices in what channels I have to pay for not fewer. Do not approve the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. anne wolf

#### Santa Rosa, CA

.We need more competition not less. A number of friends have Comcast and their response to problems is slow (one a business owner had to wait two weeks for them to correct a problem) and their fees are high. Giving this poorly consumer rated business but highly profitable business a monopoly in California is beyond outrages but down right criminal. California need not be under the thumb of one corporate broadcast corporation. We need more small businesss that hire local people, that are actually interested in the state and communities where they reside and that have a vested interest in the economic health of this state. I currently have a telephone and computer service that I am happy with and is not part of the large well known corporation. They are responsive, low fees and local. Comcast . .1 . 114

Alberto Prez San Jose, CA .We need more competition not less.

Carol Kuelper

Oakland, CA

.We need more competition not less! The prices are already too high for the service we get. A merger will certainly not give Comcast any incentive to lower prices. Please say no to this merger! Istvan Simon Pleasanton, CA .We need more competition not less for better and cheaper service. This merger is against the interests of consumers. I ask you to stop this merger in California.

Paul Mandrell Upland, CA .We need more competition not less Robert Antonides Irvine, CA .We need more competition in this industry rather than less. This merger puts way too much influence into one company. Myra Schegloff Topanga, CA .We need more competition in the marketplace, not less. Customers won't be well-served by this takeover. John Mosely

Los Angeles, CA

.We need more competition in the market and not less. Internet services are expensive at it is and creeping up seemingly every couple of months. I am saying NO to the merger.

Paul Bockhorst

Monrovia, CA

We need more competition in telecommunications, not less. The natural world is characterized by diversity. The human economy, like the natural economy, is stronger in the long run when there is significant diversity and competition. Conglomerates with huge market shares are as dangerous as monocultures. NO to Comcast!. Sincerely, Paul Bockhorst PO Box 2119 Monrovia, CA 91017

Earle Moore Grass Valley, CA .We need more competition in California, not less. Comcast's rates are excessive.

Larry Bathgate

Mill Valley, CA

.We need MORE competition between Cable Providers, not LESS. Our cable rates are too high, and this merger will only make it easier for cable TV companies to fleece the consumer. Thank you for blocking this merger. Dale McCart Irvine, CA .We need more competition and diversity not less. Mark Sherman Oceanside, CA .We need more competition and choices, not less. Please do not allow this merger. Thank you. Nadine Hutton Oakland, CA .We need more companies to be in competition with Comcast. Not Comcast taking over the start and prices going out of control. It is highway robbery and the state should shut them down.

Gerald Stratman Glen Ellen, CA .We need more choices, not fewer to stop the terrible history of price increases.

Richard Rosenthal Los Angeles, CA .we need more choices not fewer

Jim chiochios

Saratoga, CA

.We need more choice/competition for watching television. Prices have continually gone up over the years and with fewer choices that this merger will provide, it will not get any better. Our costs will go up and we still will not be able to select the channels we would like to watch as we will only be offered packaged groups of channels to select from. If this merger goes through, I am seriously considering just watching free television over the airways with an antenna.

Gavin Ostrom Rocklin, CA .We need more choice, not less. Charles Witschorik Sunnyvale, CA .We need more choice in cable. We need affordable internet service. How will this merger help the consumer? Craig Holmes Monrovia, CA .We need more cheaper competition not more exspensive cable. I am totally opposed to more corporate America robbing the public!! NO TO THE COMCAST TIME WARNER MERGER!!!!!

Michael Zabaro Glendale, CA .We need LESS MERGERS/acquisitions, not more. Victoria Francis Los Angeles, CA .We need free choice which is an important element of what Democracy stands for. You corporation stands for just the opposite.

Sa Meyers Upland, CA

we need diverse & equitable internet services, not monopolies with mergers of big companies such as comcast and Time Warner cable. This does not allow for competition or diversity and limits consumer choices as well as fair competition. Internet companies should be part of the commons and publically owned. Europe & Japan have better, faster services for less because of strict regulation of the jnternet providers. We need similar controls here in the U.S. for a more democratic access to the internet.

Lawrence Moore santa ana, CA .We need compitition in all market places. Robert Sheardy San Francisco, CA .We need competition, not mega-mergers which will adversely affect consumers like myself.

Philip Schmierer Dunsmuir, CA .We need competition, not a monopoly.

Thomas Martin Cameron Park, CA .We need competition! The Comcast and Time Warner Cable merger will only create a monopoly. I oppose this merger.

JUDITH RICHEY Discovery Bay, CA .We need competition to prevent outrageous pricing.

Fred Berra Santa Maria, CA .We need competition not a monopoly of the cable system!!!! P Burkart

Santa Rosa, CA

.We need competition in this area - the price I pay and the service are not the best and if they have no competition will only get worse. Please don't let Comcast have this additional power over customers in California. Sigrid Acosta Ramos

Van Nuys, CA

.We need competition in the US. That's what capitalism is all about. When there are public utilities involved, there needs to be even greater responsibility--that's why we label them PUBLIC utilities. I do not want Comcast controlling my world--please maintain competition and stop us from moving into a corporate-dominated society. No takeover of Time-Warner Cable by Comcast!

Bill Gibson

San Clemente, CA

.We need COMPETITION in the cable industry. We have too may enlarged and merged corporations. No more mergers!!! Comcast is too large. Time Warner is too large. Together, there will be no competition.

Bill Yeager Menlo Park, CA .We need competition between as many of these companies as possible to bring prices down. Realistically, we all pay TOO MUCH for their services, and this will only make it worse. Sincerely, William Yeager

Chuck Reutter Menifee, CA .We need competition and this move by Comcast will end that.

Elinore Lurie San Francisoc, CA .We need competition among vend

.We need competition among vendors and choice in our personal lives that benefits us. Don't create a monopoly. Stop the Comcast-Time Warner merger. lucy mccullough Los Gatos, CA .We need competition among internet providers; a monopoly is not in the consumer's interest. I oppose the merger of Comcast Time Warner Cable. John McCarthy Manhattan Beach, CA .We need commerce competition - fewer large companies taking sole control with higher prices. Elizabeth Candlish Dillon Beach, CA .We need choices. That is the only thing that works for the consumer! Help!

Hiram Little

Fremont, CA

.We need choices in California. We do not need one dominate company that doesn't respond to customers needs. Stop this merger now so we can force them to listen to their customers. Muriel Kaplan Oceanside, CA .We need better phone and broadband services instead of high prices. Monopolizing the California market is not in the best interest of those living in California. Muriel Kaplan 4796 Galicia Way Oceanside, CA 92056

Lafayette Clark Chico, CA .We need anti-trust laws working; without competition, companies like Comcast will only raise prices. Everyone is not rich and cannot afford this. Please consider the bottom 96%. Thank you

Sally North Woodland Hills, CA .we need a more competitive market, not less of one. Therefore I oppose this merger!! Michael O'Connell Crestline, CA .We must strive for more competition in these services, not less! Please do not allow another the creation of another AT&T-like monopoly which took decades to undo. Robert Heron

Los Angeles, CA

.We must stop the mega mergers from taking away any competitive incentives for big companies to treat their customers fairly. No more concentration of power in the hands of a few!!

### Tom LEHNKUHL

La Selva Beach, CA

.We must learn the lessons of the big banks and any part of the business community that wants to dominate their market. Customers will pay and suffer. Please stop this coming together of these giants. Rita Shirey Seeley, CA .We must have more competition, not monopoly in services available with cable. Prices especially in rural areas are unreasonably high.

Donald Peterson Portola Valley, CA

We live in a retirement community where all residents TV is provided by Comcast. We find their service to be unsatisfactory, but find it difficult or not possible to improve or correct. mary beth marks San Francisco, CA .We just canceled our Comcast Cable because we couldn't afford it anymore. We want a choice! No mega corporations please! Sincerely, Mary Beth Marks Craig Brammer Vallejo, CA .We individual citizens must count for something, other than fodder for the big corporations. Joan Paul & PJ Sullivan Ventura, CA .We have written to you before! We hope you will listen to the people & put people first! We have gone thur enough already with abuse from companies! This is our children's future also! Joan Paul & pj Sullivan. 4946 Sullivan st Ventura, ca. 93003

Deborah Sellers Fullerton, CA .We have so little choice now. STOP this merger! sheridan sonne Rice Wrightwood, CA .We have so few utility choices left. Let us have a say in what companies with we do business, please.

## Rick Nixon Mccloud, CA

We have seen it too many times...monopolies (and that is what it will be whether YOU call it that or not....make no mistake we are not so stupid that we can't see that, even if you pretend to be) take over, and service deteriorates while prices get higher. It is nice that you are doing your part to wean America from watching too much television by allowing companies like Comcast to become monopolies and thereby making them too expensive and too uncaring and too low-quality for even the most jaded viewer to watch, but really...get your head out of Comcast's ass and get your lips off of Comcast's prostate and do right by the American Public.

## Christine Ashley

#### Palo Alto, CA

We have satellite TV because we don't want anything to do with Comcast. We've heard nothing good about Comcast, and everyone we know that's used them, having nothing good to say about Comcast either. Lousy service, and bad programming, to charging too much for what they do provide. It would be a very back move if they were allowed to take over the internet. It would be strictly another means to make more profit, as in only servicing Comcast at the expense of its customers. Comcast wouldn't care about the people they pretend to be serving. Deborah Dolla Orange, CA .We have poor service and really high prices with Time Warner! Please don't make it worse by allowing a merger with Comcast! Gwendolyn Doebbert Sacrmaento, CA

We have only had serious consumer difficulties with Comcast when they were our provider ... as has my mother, who is in hospice and has found their service (in the Bay Area/Silicon Valley) to be too unreliable to support her medic-alert and the in-home medical equipment she requires while on hospice. They were difficult to work with when we tried to make a change for her ... and have been for several years when they were her provider.

Ray Kaufman Sonoma, CA .We have one of the worst and most expensive internet and telephone systems in developed countries. We need more independent small companies to foster competition and lower prices so that our service improves Mark Freeman San Diego, CA

.We have have bad enough customer service with TWC, and now with a potential merger going ahead with the other leader in bad customer service where will be have to turn. High Prices are fought though competition, Americans pay more per capita for TV, Internet and phone service ... than Europeans , Asians and Africans.

Carroll Miller Santa Ana, CA .We have had enough of these monopolistic corporations profiting from unethical take overs. It must stop now. angela bradshaw

los angeles, CA

.We have few enough choices for our internet and cable providers, without this proposed merger. If it goes through there would be an effective monopoly, with no options whatsoever, no competition, and no incentive to provide good service or competitive rates, a lose-lose situation for consumers. John Roebuck Santa Monica, CA .We have far too much concentration of media into corporate giants as it is now. Kenneth Solnit Cupertino, CA .We have far too few choices for TV service already; this merger would only make it worse.

Robert McCauley Berkeley, CA .We have enough monopolies controlling our lives. Don't allow Comcast to gobble up the whole market. Phil Montalvan Bakersfield, CA .We have enough issues in regards to not having a lot of choices in the Bakersfield area when it comes to choosing an internet provider. Do not let one company dictate even less choices for us.

James Dinsmore Santa Cruz, CA .We have comcast. Their rates constantly increase! Their service SUCKS!!!! Marie Gaillac San Francisco, CA

.We have Comcast service. Please do not let it expand in a way that stifles competition. We appreciate the services but, like many, can't afford more. Today, electronic services have become indispensable in American life. They aren't luxuries. Not to have them means deprivation. It means disadvantage in getting and holding a job. A kid who does not "fool around" with the communication and electronic world, that kid is educationally deprived in a way most do not understand, and the wealth and job potential gap increases. We owe keeping prices down throgh sufficient completion to low income families. Virginia Logan Berkeley, CA .We have been Comcast phone and broadband subscribers for many years, and the service we have received has not in any way justified the high prices they charge.

#### Fred Stark

Pacifica, CA

.We had Comcast for several years and the service was poor and prices just kept rising. Now we have DirecTV and while the service isn't that much better at least the price has remained steady. Eliminating competition by allowing megamergers just leads to poorer service and higher prices because there's no one else to turn to.

Ward McCreery Yucaipa, CA .We had Comcast and the service was terrable!! Roberta Lutsky Tarzana, CA

.We get variable service from Time Warner Cable. Our only recourse is that there are so many other companies one might try. If you allow this merger and eliminate the competition, the services will lose any accountability and, no doubt, increase in cost. Please say "NO" to this merger!!

Michael Greer Encino, CA .We don't want monopolies in California. There used to be laws against this sort of merger. This will limit our access to programing we want and competition. FREE ENTERPRISE IS COMPETITION!

Richard I Serpa San Jose, CA .we don't want Comcast to control so much content which would sincerely limit our choices. Carol Pinson Martinez, CA .We don't want comcast in our area! richard urie Beaumont, CA .we don't want Comcast

Jedediah Staley Encinitas, CA .WE DON'T WANT A TAKEOVER. BIGGER IS NOT BETTER...!

Arthur Zivian San Francisco, CA .We don't want a monopoly!

Cheryl Petrovich Millbrae, CA .We don't need your monopoly! STOP the greed! Sincerely, Cheryl Petrovich 1 Millbrae Cir Millbrae, CA 94030 Paul Koluvek Winters, CA .We don't need omcast to merge with Time Warner because the end result will be poor service for more people and they will increase the cost of services. Marilyn McMullen Vallejo, CA .we DON'T need more conglomerates ! Ben Braver Antioch, CA .We don't need less competition, yet higher rates, poorer service. This proposed merger does not serve the public interest.

Jean Ricci Tiburon, CA .We don't need fewer choices and higher fees. Don Zimmermann Huntington Beach, CA .We don't need even worse service than we have now at unreasonable cost for what we get.

#### J Pouba

#### Torrance, CA

.We don't need Comcast and its monopolistic tendencies to takeover the entertainment and media industries. They promise the moon but deliver way less and suppose their minimal execution with double talk attorneys. Choice and selection will suffer greatly as prices zoom upward !!! What happened to \$10/month basic cable???? Disappeared with them!!! Internet service is horrible but exorbitantly priced!!!! It will get worse with an oligopoly that signals to their buddies what to do by announcing price increases and blaming others for them. They should be turned into a utility. Enough of the free market for utility companies. Look at what happened with Enron. Take away Grandma's meal and medicine money!!!! to pay their exorbitant electricity bills. same as the oil industry!!!!

Larry Griffin Oakdale, CA .We don't need bigger. Robert Rudholm Ceres, CA .We don't need bigger, what we need is better! The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is NOT better! Please stop them and it. Barbara Epstein Redondo Beach, CA .We don't need anymore mergers. America is already being held hostage by giant corporations. This merger will make it worse.

Donald Dickerson Pacific Palisades, CA .We don't need any more stations. There are a minimum number we watch and are paying for the privilege of watching all those other stations we never use.

Sallyann Kovacs Hayward, CA .We don't need any more mega-Corporations or Monopolies in this country! Comcast is already too big!

Lily Marie Rough and Ready, CA .We don't need any more big mergers-- to create a monopoly is never good for the public, it only profits big business. Sincerely, Lily Marie Donald Brault North Highlands, CA .We don't need any more "Ma Belles" as in the past. Cable an satellite companies force you to subscribe to 150 channels when all you watch are 10 or so.
Mario Crivello Santee, CA .We don't need another monopoly in California, please stop the merger of Comcast and Time Warner in California. Sincerely, Mario Crivello 7467 Mission Gorge Road Santee, CA 92071

Lynne` Eggers San Francisco, CA .We don't need another megamerger!

Debra Atlas Redding, CA .We don't need another mega-corporation, especially one that would control so much of the cable TV marketplace. It's not in the best interest of consumers to pursue this. Please deny this merger. Thank you.

Nina Markussen Orcutt, CA .We don't need another MEGA computer company. There is too much sole company control already. The American way is competition, let's keep it that way.

vivian collins Crestline, CA .We don't need another big merger. m We need everyone to make there own business work well before spreading out

Olivia de la Garza Victorville, CA .We don't need a monopoly. No to Comcast Time Warner merger.

**RITA JACOBS** Santa Rosa, CA .We don't need a monopoly. Let free market forces help keep prices down and quality up.

William Davis North Hollywood, CA .We don't need a monopoly on our entertainment services. Please give us more completion not LESS. Times are tough enough without giving the big Corporations more control.

shannon abernathy Santa Cruz, CA .We don't need a bigger cable company and fewer choices.

Arthur Gregorian Oakland, CA .We don't have enough competition as it is. Don't allow there to be none.

Leslie Kneeland Santa Rosa, CA .we don't have enough choices for cable and Internet now, this will make it much worse. The prices are ridiculous and the service is lousy. Please stop the merger.

Les Hartzman Sherman Oaks, CA

.We don't have enough choices as it stands now. We need more options - not fewer. In my area I can either have Time Warner or AT&T U-verse. But AT&T has been cramming its bills and lost lawsuits, yet they continue. Do NOT allow Comcast to takeover Time Warner.

Rhonda Lewis Rio Dell, CA .We don't have enough choice and competition. Please do not allow the further narrowing of the options and competition. Sharon Barni Yreka, CA .We don't even get Comcast in our area, the people that we know in the big city has said it stinks and they don't like it at all.

David McGlocklin Davis, CA .We does the CPU say no to corporate greed and power. Where was the savings that came with de-regulations of

the cable networks? Please stop a merger that benefits only greedy and power-hunger Comcast. Allison dickey redondo Beach, CA

.We DO NOT want the problems and incompetency of Comcast in our State! My sister has Comcast and it causes her nothing but trouble. She constantly has to adjust and fix AND call Comcast to fix her phones, printer and TV! Why would we want that here in CA? Please reconsider your stance in this BAD merger. I will certainly change my cable preference!

Pooran Dalwani Bradbury, CA .we do not want merger of comcast and time warner incalifornia Pooran dalwani Roy Hutchens Chula Vista, CA .We do not want Comcast to take over the market here in California. Just say no to Comcast. Mary Long Riverside, CA .We do not want Comcast or TWC, either one. Alwen Bauer Palos Verdes Estates, CA .WE DO NOT WANT A MONOPOLY IN CALIFORNIA ,We want a robust DEMOCRACY

Donna Duran Northridge, CA .we do not want a monopoly in Calif.! The prices are already too high! This would make it worse!!!!!! Anne Harrigan Taylorsville, CA .We do not need this merger. Don't make a bigger mistake. Say ""NO"

Susan Patton Grass Valley, CA .We do not need or want this merger. Please do not let it go through! Chris Lanane Bishop, CA .We do not need one provider like Comcast in our state. Their merger with Time Warner Cable is bad for competition and bad for the State of California. richard johnson Sacramento, CA .We do not need more corporate control. What we need is good consumer relations with a company trying to help its coustomers.

john s 7tojmlm, CA .We do not need monopolies.

Gail Camhi Novato, CA .We do NOT need corporate communications oligarchies! Brian Donohue Mill Valley, CA .We do not need any more mergers in this country. The big companies are already WAY out of control.

Catherine Rowlett Dana point, CA .we do not need another monopoly in our area. The only cable provider for my area since the inception of cable here, has been Cox.

Andrea Cruz Alameda, CA .we do not need a powerful monopoly to dominate and control us. Still this before it is too late.

victoria wallace Dulzura. CA .We do not need a monopoly on services, we need a free market with many choices. This is a very bad idea.

Lynn Armstrong El Cerrito, CA .We deserve more than just one lousy choice. Healthy competition in a free market system results in higher quality and better service for all of us.

### Gary Bechthold

Roseville, CA

.We consumers need more choice NOT less. Please deny the Comcast & Time Warner merger. Internet access is already to close to a monopoly and it will be worse for consumers. And that is not even mentioning Comcast opposition to Net Neutrality so they can make more money and give Consumers less choice. Thanks for listening.

### **Robert Heisler**

San Francisco, CA

.We consumers are tired of being constantly abandoned by the Federal agencies whose specific purpose is to defend us against the huge powerful corrupt corporations against which we have no defense. We need you to do your job in rejecting this unfair, unethical, anti consumer merger that would increase the power of this already hugely powerful monster corporation.

Shirley Withers

Borrego Springs, CA

.We certainly do not need prices to go up any more, we are already being priced out of so many things. Please do not allow this merger as it will surely give Comcast total control of the Calif. market.

**Richard Thomas** San Marcos, CA .We cannot afford to reduce the choices and competition among cable companies in California. Please do everything in your power to block the Comcast merger with Time Warner Cable.

Norm Manzer

Saint Helena, CA

.We ask that you deny the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger. This proposed merger would not be in the best interest of the public you serve. Sincerely, Norm and Linda Manzer 103 Camino Vista St Helena, CA 94574

### Tim Zadel San Jose, CA

We are stuck with Comcast Cable right now, and the price is ridiculous and has been going up at far higher than the rate of inflation. Cable tv is effectively a monopoly and should be regulated as such. Letting Comcast absorb more of the little competition it has will be unfair to consumers. Please don't let Comcast take over Time Warner and dominate the market even more.

Terri Giamartino Berkeley, CA .We are sick of the rising prices and the lack of quality service. Comcast already has a monopoly on our tv viewing. Don't let them take over Time Warner Cable as well!

# Renee Lewis

Los Altos, CA

.We are presently Comcast customers and dislike their service. It is expensive and inconvenient. Comcast makes it very easy to add channels and very, very difficult to remove channels. Through no fault of our own, we have to reset our Comcast box frequently to get it to work. I would not wish Comcast on anyone.

Elizabeth Weinberger Los Angeles, CA .We are in big trouble if Comcast is one of our only options! It's bad enough that we have so little choice as it is. What happened to the free market?? Marina Stariha

San Gregorio, CA

.We are already behind European countries with internet speed. Why? because we already have monopolies that are too big for fair competition. Now Comcast and Time Warner want to merge into yet another giant company. Please, say no to this merger. We need to globally compete! Lindsey Shere Healdsburg, CA .we already have too little competition among cable providers-please stop this merger. Ken Bell Long Beach, CA .We already have high prices. A monopoly will only make it worse. Pleaser do not allow the Time Warner Comcast merger.

Patti Karr Carpinteria, CA .We already have few choices for cable companies. Please don't make those choices even fewer. Marsha Harris Pauma Valley, CA .We already have extremely limited options for media. Don't allow MORE dominance over our choices. This will in no way benefit ANYONE but big business....AGAIN!

Joseph Silva Lincoln, CA .We already have enough mega companies leeching the American public. STOP IT NOW. Jane Iacovetti Anaheim, CA .We already don't have enough choice for our service provider. I am opposed to any merger that may create a monopoly. Please block this merger. Geraldine th San Jose, CA .We all know what lack of competition will do. Walter Doggett North Fork, CA .We all know what happens when one company has a monopoly on a market! Don't let Comcast monopolize with a cable merger with Time Warner.

chris bell sebastopol, CA .Way too much consolidation which decreases competition and who loses?? The consumer. Comcast is a crappy company anyway; the worst service ever. They are the Walmart of telco service or the CVS of the drug stores. Real shit!

arthur finn Los Angeles, CA .Way past the time to stop COMCAST and the whole vulture industry from ripping us off. Please do the right thing and write the oligopoly run by COMCAST now.

GARY TABLER Alameda, CA .vote-NO- COMCAST TAKE OVER OF TINE WARNER Tom Jacobs Oakhurst, CA .Vote no on the merger, it will only decrease competiion. Miguel Munoz Hanford, CA .Vote "No" on Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Rosemary De Monte Los Angeles, CA .Unless you free up the market so that any company can do business in the neighborhoods this would a nail in the coffin of free enterprise in California and the consumers would be left with no real choice. Protect the public.

Angela Cancilla Herschel West Hills, CA .unconscionable Nancy Rasmussen Sonoma, CA .un lock the phones Comcast!

William Jones Indio, CA .Two companies with very poor customer service won't improve by merging. California needs to keep them separate.

Mikael Bergman Santa Monica, CA .TWC is the WORST in service. Can't get worse....perhaps Comcast will? Michael k. Ls angeles, CA .Twc already provides sub-par service. Below TWC IIn custmer care and product is Comcast. Comcast taking the reigns will guarantee that customers will flee the service in froves.

Jeffrey Spivak San Diego, CA .Too much power in the hands of Comcast is an abomination.Stop the takeover.

Richard Terdiman San Francisco, CA .Too much power in corporate hands is a reduction in individual freedom. Don't let Comcast dominate our choices. Thanks for listening. Joseph Lyddon Alta Loma, CA .TOO much Power Corrupts... Corruption is from too much Power absolutely! DO NOT ALLOW THIS MERGER TO HAPPEN...

Peter Meissner Santa Barbara, CA .Too much monopoly makes for bad service and high prices. Don't let Comcast have their way! Louise Steiner santa monica, CA .Too much deregulation of monopolies and mergers are harming the consumers. Stop comcast from being an even larger monopoly that they are... Margaret Mulligan Oakland, CA .Too much control ,too much money!! Fred Chuang Los Angeles, CA .Too little competition, already!

Michael Faggard Sacramento, CA .Too few choices already. Donald Gibbs North Highlands, CA .Too close to a monopoly for my taste. I left Comcast due to less than satisfactory customer service.

Linda V

Burbank, CA

.TOO BIG, TOO POWERFUL ALREADY. American citizens own the airwaves, not the corporations. It's lovely that the corporations make a profit, but not at the expense of American citizens. Comcast isn't just looking to make a profit now, now they've become greedy. When greed rears its ugly head, everybody loses, maybe not right away, but it's the beginning of the end of a fruitful service. This merger must be stopped. It's no longer about service, it's about Greed.

Garo Artinian San Diego, CA .Too big to trump individual rights. Elmone Kissling Eureka, CA .Too big to fail. That's why we were taught way back in the 40's that competition is the only way to keep us safe from unscrupulous big companies.

Donald & Diane Lahti Beaumont, CA .Too Big is Too Big. Stop ever increasing corporate power

Clay Harper Anaheim Hills, CA .Too big is not good for us consumers !

Mara Williams sonoma, CA .too big is too little concern for the consumer. please do not allow this merger. David Armstrong Fullerton, CA .To: PUC From: David H. Armstrong, M.D. (RET) Time Warner is already too big & monopolizes our area, at least for internet access. If Comcast acquires TW it can only get worse. We need more not less real competition. Please do not approve this proposed merger. Thank you for your attention and thoughtful consideration. Sincerely, David H. Armstrong, M.D. (RET) 1908 Brentwood Drive Fullerton, CA 92831-1016 Joseph Di Marco

Carlsbad, CA .To, the FTC. No company should have the opportunity to dominate such a large amount of the national population community as what Comcast would have if their buy out of Time Warner is approved. They would then also determine the cost to consumers to participate and enjoy use of the web. Normaa Lee Cathedral City, CA .To whom it may concern: DO NOT LET THIS MERGER GO THROUGH! I have TIME WARNER and I'm tired of paying over \$200 a month for my cable, phone & internet because right now they happen to be the better of the other evils. I'm tired of the intermittent service interruptions, channels I can't get that I pay for, constant changing of channels & the so called promise of better service when they merge with Comcast. The only promise I know they will keep is raising the price for services and doing nothing when I complain. DO NOT HELP THEM TAKE OVER AND WIPE OUT THE IDEA OF COMPETITION FOR BETTER SERVICE AND PRICING FOR THE CONSUMER.

George Thomstad Palm Desert, CA

.to whom it may concern I wish to let you know that I am against the Time Warner and Comcast merger the service is bad enough without having Comcast making it even worse.I believe the rates will go up when the competition disappearsand the service will be hampered by a I don't care attitude sincerly George Thomstad Howard W Hoard Topanga, CA .To the Calif. PUC, Sirs. I say no to the Comcast take over of Time Warner in California. H W Hoard

norm kirby Foster City, CA .To much concentration in one company. No Monopoly! Jennifer Klugman Oceanside, CA .To date there are more mega corporations than small businesses...the small businesses cannot compete. Don't make it another one. John Petrak San Jose, CA .To big is not good for the consumer. Marsha Jamison Huntington Beach, CA .To allow a monopoly for Comcast would betray your public trust.

Camille Gilbert Santa Barbara, CA

.Title II is the only way to keep the Internet truly open, alive and free from interference by corporate interests. This is a public utility, not the play thing of corporations looking to find ways to increase their profits at the expense of customer service. Comcast has a terrible record of customer service. Keep them out of California!

## Pamela Herrera

Lodi, CA

.tired of this with big companies and then draining the customers with high rates because they have to pretty much have cable and satellite to watch tv it's not right and needs to work in favor of consumers for a change we should all go back to antenna tv and put these companies out of business

Misty McIntyre Alameda, CA .Tired of high prices and low quality products Robert Burton Fowler, CA .Time Warner sucks.

#### dean weiss encino, CA

.time warner sucks already. the merger will make them that much worse. we need more competition, not less. oodles of cable channels that were gratis for decades now aren't "basic" and require more \$\$. yet they all run commercials. "basic" cable is now basically what an old tv carried before cable- CBS, ABC, Fox, NBC. plus a whole bunch of Spanish language channels I could not care less about. John Friar

Pacific Palisades, CA

.Time Warner services are already overpriced and second rate in quality. Removing competition will only make things even worse for subscribers. The Utilities Commission needs to find ways to increase competition and to lower the sky-high cable fees.

Frann Rosenblum Chatsworth, CA .Time Warner service is bad enough. Comcast is even worse! Don't let them merge!!! Richard DeSantis Palm Desert, CA .Time warner pricing and service are already terrible, cutting to one provider could not possibly make things better.

John Prigge Buena Park, CA .Time Warner is far from a good service But merging it with Comcast will make things really hard!!! Please do NOT approve this merger.

Diane Robertson San Diego, CA .Time Warner is big enough, folks.ComCast is big enough, too. Margarette Woodard Orange, CA .Time Warner is Bad~COMCAST is a lying~cheating DISASTER!!!

Danny Ellsworth San Diego, CA .Time Warner is bad enough! No Comcast!

Donna Altmann Los Angeles, CA .Time Warner is bad enough but Comcast is worse don't let this happen. Robert Murphy Oxnard, CA .Time Warner is bad enough as it is. If Comcast takes over, competition will be lessened andwe move ever closer to monopoly. Please stop it.

Gail Rose North Hills, CA .Time Warner is already too big, and service is not good!. if they were to merge with Comcast, it would be horrible. we need more choices, not less. Block this merger!! Mary Wichser Los Angeles, CA

.Time Warner has the worst customer satisfaction rate on surveys. If Comcast takes it over, there will be less choice for consumers. Time Warner made sure that nobody in the Los Angeles area could watch the Dodgers baseball unless they signed up with them. I will go back to watching ABC, CBS and NBC before I will give them one single thin dime!

#### Alf Friend

### Seal Beach, CA

.Time Warner has been a good service provider for us as seniors...prices could be better...say a senior price for old customers. I have heard that Com cast has a lower rating for service...don't want to have problems in our last few years of enjoying our various programs Seal Beach Seniors 80 and 79 Regina Young Gardena, CA

.Time Warner doesn't need to become any more of a monopoly than it already is. Prices will skyrocket beyond where the average consumer can afford their services.

### DAVID CROZER LOS ANGELES, CA

.Time Warner cable provides poor service to us (picture drop outs, picture freezes, DVRs that don't do what the remote has commanded or recordings that can't be deleted, every six month price increase unless you threaten to cancel, channels you have to pay for and never watch, and earliest service call is in 7 days). I believe Comcast as a monopoly will provide even poorer service and cost even more. Reject the merger!

Barbara Evans Jurupa Valley, CA .Time Warner and Comcast merging is a very bad idea. The cost of cable is skyrocketing and the consumers are fed up with high prices and poor service. Please tell Comcast a resounding NO to this merger.

## Jill Hopper

Arcadia, CA

.Time Warner already has too large a market share. Their customer service is marginal. It is very frightening to me what a mega-cable provider like a merged Comcast/Time Warner would charge - and how much worse the customer service might be. James Cummings

Pacific Palisades, CA

.Time Warner already has a n unfair cable monopoly in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. Allowing this prospective merger with Comcast would shut out any possibility for fair competition and more reasonable prices for consumers. Ricardo Mendez Los Angeles, CA .Time to step up and do the right thing! Jane Merkel Eureka, CA .This wouldn't help any Californian. Please deny.

chris brazis San Francisco, CA .This would make it "too big to fail"- reminds me of Elizabeth Warner about the criminals at Wall Street Thomas Hofstad Patterson, CA .this would either be bad for consumers or even worse for consumers... NO MERGER!!!

Fred Tashima Los Angeles, CA .This would be bad Charles Hawkins Laguna Beach, CA .This will create higher and unreasonable prices for consumers! Please do not allow this merger! Mary Tahir 351 Carl St., CA .This will create a monopoly. No to this merger. nancy campeau Los Angeles, CA .This turning a competitive business environment into a monopoly MUST STOP!! I URGE you to say NO to this proposed merger!

Charles Cruger San Bruno, CA .This to big to fail is just getting bigger. To few companies will control not only our entertainment choices but also the internet. This can not happen !!!

### JUDITH SIMMONS

#### Torrance, CA

.This talked about merger between these two cable giants will be an expensive problem for the people and service will become a never, never situation. The expense and service is already a big problem, why in the world would the PUC want to make a decision to make the lives of California citizens worse??? Hold on there PUC! This is in our better interests. Don't permit a giant conglomerate to dominate our lives! SINCERELY, Judith K. Simmons 5226 Lillian Street Torrance, Calif. 90503

Andarin Arvola Fort Bragg, CA .This senior citizen says NO to that giant blood-sucker comcast. Poor service, outrageous prices - NO THANKS!

Benjamin Wingard Sacramento, CA .This seems like a bad deal for consumers. I would appreciate it if you don't approve the merger. RICHARD BREESE Riverside, CA .THIS PURPOSED MERGER WILL RESULT IN LACK OF COMPLETION, POOR SERVIICE, AND LACK OF COST CONTROL FOR THE HELPESS CUSTOMER. PLEASE O NOT ALLOW THIS MERGER!

Margaret Hasselman Albany, CA .this proposed merger would be contrary to the public interest. Please do not allow it.

Allyn Voorhees Fillmore, CA .This proposed merger sounds like a Monopoly to me. Why would a bigger, more powerful company be better for service from a Public Utility. I already have issue with Time Warner Cable because it is virtually the only game in town. This proposed merger is bad, bad, bad.

Daniel Ogas San Diego, CA .This proposed merger is NOT in the best interest of Californians!!! DO NOT let it go forward!!

Michael Maharry Fairfield, CA .This power grab by Comcast goes against everything a "free market" is supposed to be. I want more choices as consumer, not "just Comcast." Michael Maharry Fairfield, CA .This power grab by Comcast goes against everything a "free market" is supposed to be. I want more choices as consumer, not "just Comcast." George Zidbeck Atascadero, CA .This Nation & CA are already overburdened with mega corportations with most of the mergers questionable. Break up the Tursts. Steve Howell Corral DE Tierra, CA .This monopoly is not good. Should they request protection for several years AFTER providing fiber optic delivery to their customers,that is OK

John Brady

Rosemead, CA

.This merger, like many others before it, will harm consumers in California. I urge you to stop this merger. This merger, if approved, benefits only the shareholders of the merged companies, and hurts the bottom line of consumers who will have to face higher costs for cable bills. Please just say NO. Mary McCue Mountain View, CA .This merger would result in poor services becoming more of a nightmare.

harvey sternheim los angeles, CA .This merger would restrict the flow of competition and the keeping down of costs . Kathy OBrien Redway, CA .this merger would only make it worse for those of us in Northern California. We have already have so few choices and have to contend with horrible service. Karynn Merkel Eureka, CA .This merger would not benefit Californians Please do not approve and implement it. David Jones Santa Cruz, CA .This merger would give unacceptable market share to a company which has already proven that it abuses such power.

Alan Schmidt Encinitas, CA .This merger would create a monopoly that is not in the public interest. Dee Taube

San Jose, CA

.This merger would create a monopoly that is good only for a mega-sized corporation and it's few people at the top of that corporation. It would be horrible for the people who would be at its mercy regarding content offerings and pricing. This isn't commerce, it's piracy. Please prevent this from happening.

#### **STEPHEN DAVIS**

Torrance, CA .This merger would be restraint of trade! Our choices are already limited as it currently is, so "NO" to this takeover !! normand cloutier

## Atwater, CA

.This merger would be bad for consumers like me. I am a subscriber of COMCAST. In order to receive the networks/channels that I want I am forced to subscribe to many more channels that I do not want, don't watch and never will watch. There are no other cable providers in this area. I have already experienced satellite service (lack thereof). I can imagine how much worse it would be if this merger was allowed to happen. Please, do not vote in favor of this merger. We are fed up with higher prices and lousy service; this merger would not be a benefit to the subscribers. MaryAnne Glazar Berkeley, CA .This merger would be a vivid illustration for why we need to enforce strong anti-monopoly laws. It would be a bad mistake -- don't do it! Thomas Thomas Corona, CA .This merger would be a nightmare for rate payers. A blatant attempt to do away with competition and for rate payers higher rates. Don't allow COMCAST to be the ONLY game in town.

Michael McCauley San Francisco, CA .This merger would be a disaster for consumers! I'm fed up with Comcast price hikes and lousy service. Things will just get worse if Comcats is allowed to merge with Time Warner Cable. Please do everything you can to stop this deal!

rebecca brackman Mill Valley, CA .This merger would be a disaster for consumers and the public!

Rich Wills Grass Valley, CA .This merger would be a disaster for citizens and consumers in this state! Scott ROBERTS San Diego, CA .This merger will result in higher costs and worse service. Please stop it from happening. Nellie Uhrle San Mateo, CA

.This merger will only give Comcast more control and costs will escalate even more then they do now & with customer service on the decline. Our options will be lessened and quality may suffer. Yifal Shaham Los Angeles, CA

.This merger will not help us. As it is the cable costs are much higher than they could be if there was a real competition. (in Israel cable cost is 1/4 of what it is here) As it is the alternative to TWC is ATT, theoretically 6Mbps, actually 2.5 Mbps or less. We need a high speed competitor in my area, not reduced competition.

Carrie Nicoletti Simi Valley, CA .This merger will NOT benefit me. Please reject this merger!! Sandra Miller San Francisco, CA .This merger will NOT benefit me or other consumers. Everyone I know is opposed to this merger.

#### Gloriamarie Amalfitano San Diego, CA

.This merger will not benefit me because it means increased rates and I am very poor. Additionally it is a step on the way to a monopoly. The only thing that makes cable even remotely affordable is competition. And there is precious little of that. Please do not allow this merger. Thank you.

valena dismukes View Park, CA .This merger will not benefit me and the other consumers. Martha Jean Ottina Sherman Oaks, CA .This merger will not benefit me and may have some unintended consequences relating to prices and services. Kathryn Bearden Aliso Viejo, CA .This merger will not benefit me - it will reduce competition and increase prices. Comcast is known for its terrible service.. please say no to this merger !!

Marilyn Wills Los Osos, CA .This merger will not benefit consumers. We need more competition, not less, to ensure quality service at reasonable cost.

Jeffrey Findeis Long Beach, CA .This merger will increase everybody cable and internet rates and lower the overall customer service quality.

Stephen Sperber Berleley, CA .This merger will have a decidedly negative effect on consumers, given all the history we have about these two companies. Please reject this merger.

Sheila Moloney Fresno, CA .This merger will eliminate competition and prices will go up more and more. Cable services are already over priced. Jules Beuck San Bernardino, CA .This merger will cut down on competition which will result in prices that will price some folks out of the ability to watch television. I live in an area where over the air antennas do not work. Without cable I would have no television. Do not allow this monopolistic

Richard Hyman Burbank, CA .This merger will create a near monopoly that will be bad for the people of California. Please do not allow this merger to take place. What is needed is more competition - not less.

Thomas Pick Los Angeles, CA .This merger will create a monopoly and hurt their consumers. Griff Field Sacramento, CA .This merger seems anti-competitive on its face. How can you even seriously consider it? Stand up for ordinary citizens against these corporate behemoths,

Charles Gifford

merger.

San Diego, CA

.This merger makes no sense for California. Forming a huge monopoly that can manipulate the market will only lower the quality of service and raise the prices for the customers. I ask you to protect Californians by denying this merger. Margaret Crimmins El Cerrito, CA .This merger is way out of line. Ryan Miller San Francisco, CA

.This merger is the exact reason for antri-trust laws existing in this country. We already have no choice in providers and they charge ridiculous subscriptions fees simply to transmit the entertainment. None of our money goes to content which is covered by advertising. These companies need to be broken apart, not combined and emboldened. Beverly Poncia Lower Lake, CA .This merger is simply not right for California. We want CHOICES when it comes to who our cable/satellite provider will be. Being stuck with just ONE option is a MONOPOLY and that is illegal! Please say NO to the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger! Thank you!

Barbara Afolay Davis, CA .this merger is not in the public's interest. You must block it.

Augie Correia Danville, CA .This merger is not in the best interests of the viewers.

Joy Naugle Roseville, CA .This merger is NOT in the best interests of CA consumers and it is a high priority that you act responsibly and block it. Sincerely, Joy A Naugle 1518 Mallard Lane Roseville CA 95661

Selene Vega Santa Cruz, CA .This merger is not in the best interest of the people of California! Fred Bailey Cathedral City, CA .This merger is not in our public interest. Neither ComCast nor Time Warner provide good customer service or quality programming. Do not approve this merger.

Jaime Becker Berkeley, CA .This merger is not in our best interests. WE will not profit from it.

#### Simon Arcilla

#### Los Angeles, CA

.This merger is NOT in our best interest as the consumers. If this merger takes place, the monopoly of the company will ONLY give them the power to raise prices and even poorer customer service. People won't have a choice but to put up with the ridiculous amount they will charge us for service because no one will stop them from doing so, this is where you guys come in. I'm depending on the PUC to protect me as the consumer from blatant greediness and self serving companies like Comcast. I believe in competition for our business. The more cable companies competing for our business, the better it is for the consumer as we will have better pricing and better choices as to what we want to pay for. I urge you to please STOP this merger as this is only for Comcast's greed and their best interest 1.1 1 1' 

Maureen Crowe San Francisco, CA .This merger IS NOT IN MY BEST INTEREST. Please do your duty and block this merger.

Bill Lawrence Escondido, CA .this merger is not good for "open market competition" Jeannie long Sacramento, CA .This merger is not a good thing for us. Please think of us "little people" and reject the ideal Thanks, Jeannie Long 7204 Del Prado Way Sacramento, Ca 95828 Donna Watson Sacramento, CA .This merger is most discriminating to the less fortunate. william mauritzen Oakland, CA

.This merger is equivalent to allowing the bell telephone company put itself back together. They are not motivated by a desire to make things better, they are motivated by a desire to strangle the consumers. Please block this travesty.

Henry Schumer San Diego, CA .This merger is definitely not in the public interest. Times Warner service is poor and prices re high. I have heard similar comments about Comcast. How will two underperforming companies better serve the consumer by combining their ineffectiveness? Jan Moughler South Lake Tahoe, CA .This merger is definitely NOT in the best interest of consumers. Comcast is the absolute worst cable company, in terms of reliability, price, and customer service. This merger will put the squeeze on other,

better, small cable and dish companies, and the consumer will suffer in the long run. Please don't let Comcast take over Time Warner!

Andre Ricaud Hacienda Heights, CA .This merger is blatantly anti-consumer. Comcast has the worst consumer rating in the nation. To add this to California would be a travesty.

Chris Leister Winnetka, CA .this merger is bad for consumers and bad for Californians Timothy McKeever

Fresno, CA

.This merger is bad for California consumers. Comcast has already been very publicly shown to disregard customer service. They should not be allowed to dominate the market, and instead should be sanctioned. I am tired of being at the mercy of corporate disregard for my business. Judith Mandel San Diego, CA .This merger is a very idea. Please do all you can to prevent it. Judith Mandell RN and senior on SSN. II would expect prices to you up if this allowed.

Alan Leach Citrus Heights, CA .This merger is a bad deal for everyone except Comcast. It will result in even higher prices for Comcast's customers for both internet access and cable TV. American's already pay twice as much as people in other advance countries. Enough is enough! James Zoland

San Jose, CA

.This merger has TO BE STOPPED! These companies are not known for taking the needs of the customer in mind. - rather the complete opposite. The current level of service is totally inadequate. Worse yet - monthly fees continue to rise - and at a greater rate than inflation - please STOP this outrageous merger of mega-giants...

Rene Ruston Sherman Oaks, CA .This merger has no benefit to me the consumer and all the upside to Comcast. It is your job to protect the consumer. Say NO!

Luke Asbury Ventura, CA .This merger does NOT help the consumer! Do NOT support it! Mario E Martinez Torrance, CA .This mega merger will only improve their bottom line and worsen the already high prices consumers pay for their services. Stop it! Ken Dickerson Soquel, CA

.This mega merger runs against fair competition and the concept that the market place competition will protect the consumer. No to the Comcast merger, prices are already too high and service poor from this monopoly. Do not vote to allow it to get any bigger.

Michael Hancock Tiburon, CA .This means less competition! Comcast is relentless in raising prices, and moves popular shows to moreexpensive categories. Their service is poor because, in our neighborhood there is no cable competition.

Carol Eliason Fresno, CA .This market needs more competition in the eyes of the consumer--not less.

Virginia Dolan Los Altos, CA .This looks like total control by 2 large corporations which is going to destroy competition. This is definitely NOT in the best interest of people living in CA. Do NOT agree to this. Virginia Dolan

# Joshua Ezekiel

Salinas, CA

.This isn't exactly rocket science, but services offered by monopolies are almost always inferior and overpriced. Don't allow the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger. It's a bad idea. In the modern age when entertainment and free speech are so closely entangled, this concern is more vital than ever. Lenore Cymes Palo Alto, CA .This is such a bad idea - one compay with this much power bodes badly for consumers..... end this deal, comcast makes enough money off of us, and they provide marginal service. STOP THIS DEAL. Robert Hand

Atascadero, CA

.This is ridiculous. NO to Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger! We have too many monopolies as it is and we can see the terrible effects from that. Please do not let this happen.

Judith Burd Hesperia, CA .This is one of the worst things to happen to the American family. What ever happened to the TV that was plugged in, turned on and played? This was entertainment for the family, not a financial hardship... What you are seeing now is nothing but greed. This puts a financial burden on the average american household. Stop this NOW.

Lauri Lasman North Hills, CA .This is one of the biggest mistakes that could ever be made. Time Warner service is so poor now that giving them a chance to take over everything is not right. Monopolies are not the American way!!!

Sue Struthers Riverside, CA .This is not in the interest of California's consumers. Please do not allow this merger to happen.

Corey Courson San Gabriel, CA .This is not good for us, No to Comcast! Mike Guadagno Madera, CA .this is not good for the people of Ca. Cameron McCune Rancho Mirage, CA .This is not good for consumers in California. Please do not approve it!

Linda Delair San Rafael, CA .this is not acceptable. Kenneth Snider Visalia, CA .This is not a good idea. Monopoly never benefits the public. Sincerely, Kenneth Snider 2611 W La Vida Ct. Visalia, CA 93277

Ronni Solman Los Angeles, CA .This is monopoly plain and simple. Competition is what consumers need NOT a monopoly of one. Please do NOT approve this merger. Knuti VanHoven Fremont, CA .This is monopolistic. It's wrong. I can't actually see any justification for allowing information flow to be controlled by one source. The future effects on elections is obvious. Carlton Burgess Simi Valley, CA .This is just an attempt to rip off California residents. JOHN FOSTER Menifee, CA .this is going to cost the public money as soon as one controls all do not let this happen.

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Petaluma, CA .This is by NO MEANS in the people's best interest. The people want choices! The people DO NOT NEED OR WANT A MONOPOLY! I will never use Comcast--EVER! The people of the great state of CA do not want to "belong" to any corporation, especially Comcast. Tell them we say NO!

Chris Hall Kensington, CA .This is bad for the public and its bad for business. The big corporations will control even more of the rising price of access to media. Chris Hall

Brian Stumpp Stockton, CA .This is bad for everyone, period. This merger between the two worst providers in America will only harm the consumer.

Mary Jane Long Antioch, CA .This is an outrage and must be stopped! Mary Jane Long Antioch, CA .This is an outrage and must be stopped! Edward Costello Santa Monica, CA .This is an entirely anti-competitive merger, which will lower consumer choices, raise prices, and restrict freedom of expression. Please do everything in your power to stop it. Thank you for your public service.

William Bean Los Angeles, CA .This is an attempt at monopoly. The state does not need that, the country does not need that, nor does the world need that. Stop ComCast now.

Todd Mayer Soquel, CA .This is a free market decision- let it work! No merger please.

## Karen Descamps

Lompoc, CA

.This is a bad idea. With the merger it means people will have even less choice. They want to take away the RFD channel and it is a channel that my parents enjoy very much. There is already too much of a monopoly going on with the cable companies in California Shea Harvey Napa, CA .This is a bad deal for consumers and a money pot for Comcast, AT&T and Verizon. We need more competition and protect for internet service, not less.
stephen merrill

Santa Cruz, CA

.This is a bad deal for consumers and a great deal for Comcast and Time Warner. Please do not let them make this merger. Their service is already questionable and without competition it will only get worse. Thank you. emil capozzi Palm Desert, CA

.This is a bad deal for California consumers. Don't allow their lobbyist to influence your decision to allow this merger. Regardless of how much Comcast is willing to contribute to PUC's Political Election Fund to influence your decision in this matter.

Jan Ferguson

Venice, CA

.This industry and market need more competition, not less, or they need to be regulated. Pricing for what are new "necessities" in this 21st Century keep climbing and climbing and consumers have no power to negotiate beyond dropping services. Sincerely Jan Ferguson 1748 Washington Way Venice, CA 90291 Gregg Lowery West Point, CA

.This company robs their customers . they charge you for the service and then when you don't get any TV for 10 to 12, 15 days they still want you to pay the 30 day. this company needs to be stopped its ridiculous.

Jody Kaylor Corte Madera, CA .This company needs boundaries placed on it for the sake of consumers.

Robert Forrest Redwood City, CA .This company is a monster that needs to be stopped Edith Duncan Lancaster, CA .This Comcast/Time Warner is not good for California. Dean Waechter Modesto, CA .This comcast and Time Warner merger is no good for everybody but Comcast and Time Warner. Both these companies have a reputation for poor service and steady rate increases. Please prevent this merger from happening.

Richard Berger Oakland, CA .This a company that is out of control, with continually esclating charges to customers.

nina nava bakersfield, CA .this merge is toxic !

nina nava bakersfield, CA .this merge is toxic ! steve rubin monterey, CA .they steal, they lie, they sneak in fees that should not be allowed under contractual agreements. Alfonso Angel Victorville, CA .they never lern monopoly so much for choises Frankie Ferguson Santa Cruz, CA .They need competition so that they are incentivized to provide decent service.

jim meyers Modesto, CA .they have very bad service I have been with them over 1 year have had nothing but trouble.phone,internet,tv. Patricia Sharp Grass Valley, CA .They aren't interested in serving the public, just profiting from them.

peter betts Santa Monica, CA .They are too big already. When I have to call for some reason, I get different answers each time about the same problem! Frederick Booth San Francisco, CA .They are greedy now and keep raising rates for no reason except their growing profits. I shudder to think how they'll be after the merger. Please don't let them have their way. I'm retired and on a fixed income. Brian Mullin Hayward, CA .They are already too big. Year after year the comcast bill rises without any benefit to the consumer. Elizabeth Alexander Boulder Creek, CA

These types of mega mergers benefit no one except the bottom lines of these companies. This will create an unfair monopoly and surely lead to ridiculously priced services that will be less and less affordable to the average citizen.

William Marsh San Diego, CA .These two companies should be able to compete in the same markets, but not merge. That is detrimental to all cable users. John Link Fremont, CA .These monopolies keep getting bigger and more powerful. This is not in the public interest for the residents of California.

Tony malgieri Cotati, CA .These mergers of giant corporations does not benefit the consumer. We need more choices....not less! Cynthia McPeak Point Arena, CA .These mergers do one thing; kill any competition and raise prices for consumers. Scott Lawrence Rohnert Park, CA .These mergers are NEVER good for the consumer. We need more competition, not less! Sidney Robles Napa, CO .These mergers are for business control of markets and are not to the benefit of the consumer. Consumers will suffer big time.

Michele Jachimiak La Mesa, CA .These kinds of mergers do not benefit the average person. It will hurt our slim wallets! Dee Carlson Los Angeles, CA .these giants already give lousy service - i disdain a merger

Mrs. D Lamana

Los Angeles, CA

.These companies need MORE competition, not less, in order to have an incentive to provide high quality service and fair prices to consumers - we are against this merger because it will reduce choices and allow Comcast to have a monopoly which will allow them to hike costs and have an unfair advantage in the market place - it's a BAD idea and needs to be stopped. sherril jarosch rodeo, CA .These companies have gotten to big and controlling to much, we as consumers pay the price for their uncontrolled growth! Frank Gardner Arroyo Grande, CA .These cable companies are all rip-offs. Allowing them to cannibalize one another is unhelpful, as they will become even more arrogant. Stop it. Dennis Mann San Jacinto, CA

.These 2 companies generally rank last and/or next-tolast in customer or consumer surveys all over the country. Why would we like them to merge? Is there any real likelihood that after they fire all the employees they consider redundant, their service would improve? It's highly unlikely. I've got service from Verizon right now, and it's better than anything I ever had with Time-Warner at my prior address. Light-years better. I do not want to find that I've been reassigned to either of these companies if their merger is approved - and it shouldn't be approved. Not ever.

Adele Richman Adele Richman Walnut Creek, CA .There's not enough competition in CA. My only choice for tv provider is Comcast. Don't enable Comcast to create a de facto monopoly.

Alison Parham Santa Cruz, CA .There's no room for a monopoly. We need diversity.

Ted Obbard Berkeley, CA .There's already too little competition for broadband. We have worse service at higher prices than other leading nations. It's killing our competitiveness. Maryellen Redish Palm Springs, CA .There should be no monopoly in cable which there pretty much is now. Most of us in California have pretty limited choices already as to which cable company we use. The U.S. should follow Europe's example and allow true competition which results in better service at lower rates. Deepak.vora@cox.net Vora Irvine, CA .There should be more than one cable provider in each city/street. By allowing cable companies to merge, competition is reduced leading to over pricing. Please stop this takeover. Thomas Zachary La Crescenta, CA .There seems to be no economic copmpetition among cable/satellite/internet providers. A merger among these "robbers" would only aid their "bottom line", not improve service or prices. TZ

Erika Mann Lakeside, CA .There needs to be more competition for cable/internet, not less. Consumers pay too much as it is!!! David Skinner Alameda, CA .There must never be monopolies or even one dominant communication organization, public or private, in the USA.

Scott Hamtil Riverside, CA .There is very limited choice already in California. The Cable company is allready too much of a Monopoly! They offer very limited choices for a too high fee.. Robert Hubbard

San Jose, CA

.There is too great a tendency of mergers of already huge conglomerates merging with other huge conglomerates to a degree which stifles competition and threatens to control information, communication and commerce. It is becoming monopolistic and must stop. Jan Furutani

Los Angeles, CA

.There is only one good thing that can come out of the merger between Time Warner Cable and Comcast, and that is the bank accounts of executives/shareholders. Consumers will pay higher rates, jobs will be lost, service will get even worse. Please do not allow this to happen to CA. Thanks. Barry Lovinger

Yorba Linda, CA

.There is not enough competition as it is now. Our choices are to go with the cable company that has wired our neighborhood, AT&T or a satellite company. All of these keep raising prices and dropping channels. Giving Comcast an even bigger slice of the pie will just make conditions worse.

Larry Weber Hidden Hills, CA .There is no way you should allow these growing cable/telecom monopolies to eliminate competition. Comcast and Time Warner together = two problems multiplied. Please vote no on this merger. Larry Weber Mayor Pro-tem City of Hidden Hills

#### J Blakely

Oakland, CA

There is NO WAY you should allow Comcast to merge with TWC. Comcast's service is abysmal as it is. They'll have no motive to improve if they totally control the market.

#### janet Salinas

San Lorenzo, CA

There is no competition and we are held hostage to the company that serves the areas we live in. The rates are exorbitant and getting worse. They advertise low prices then double the amount if you want Internet service. If you want voice just triple the price. It's shameful. John Atherton

Trabuco Canyon, CA

.There is little enough competition already...look at TWC and the Dodger broadcasts or lack thereof. Do something useful for a change and think of the California residents/consumers/tax-payers and voters over and above the interests of a narrow and already bloated cable company. Adair Small

Irvine, CA

.There is far from enough competition among cable companies. We have been driven to the point of considering the old roof top antenna for television services, but we still have to deal with internet access. Please stop the merger!

bruce sims escondido. CA .There is ALTOGETHER TOO MUCH media consolidation and it is ruining the idea of informed citizens creating a representative democracy !!!

Jansen Estrup Onyx, CA .There is already too much concentration of power in the media and this merger will make monopoly of certain locales inevitable. Say no to COMCAST and any other mega corporation takeovers.

**Deborah Williams** 

Vista, CA

.There are way too many large corporations and Comcast Time Warner proposal is one of the worst. The PUC and our federal government need to step up and stop the controlling interests of greedy businesses and corporations. We need a new business model leaning towards smaller and smaller businesses. Sincerely, Deborah Williams 1519 Providence Drive Vista, CA 92081

Kathey Haas

Huntington Beach, CA .There are too many monopolies in our country. We do not need another one which is what would result from the merger of Time and Comcast. Please oppose this merger.

Carlin Black San Jose, CA .There are too few channels now, most of which are choked with crap from the likes of Comcast and Time Warner. Just say NO.

Jodi Wyner-Holmes Sacramento, CA .There are so few choices now for TV, Cell Phone, Internet service etc and quality has declined as have meaningful choices while costs continue to rise quickly. Please don't make it worse by allowing huge consolidations like this. It'd hit especially hard on folks with less income, such as those who rent or live in smaller conominiums, like my mother who is on a fixed income and others I know. Those who live in rural areas also would be hit disproportionately hard. Thanks for listening.

LEE ST. JOHN

Grand Terrace, CA

There are laws against monopolies and these days business like COMCAST and TIME WARNER CABLE have figured out how to legally avoide the intent of the law and in the end still have a monopoly. And in CA an enoromous amount of the state will be monopolized by this merger. You can stop this from happening. Please stop this from happening.

#### CORNELIUS FONG

Torrance, CA .There are already too few choices for TV and internet service in California. One should have MORE choices to keep cost down and offer more options. Richard Pincus San Diego, CA .The worst! Spare us!

Beverly Ables San Francisco, CA .The Time-Warner/Comcast merger is a bad idea. I vote no! Larry Jackson

Redding, CA

The Time Warner buyout is not the only take over by Comcast in Northern California and elsewhere. In tje Redding, California, Shasta County area they will take over the Charter Cable company customers in 4 years. All the Comcast rates are higher than the other local companies instead of lower. Do not approve of the Comcast merger. Vicki Davis Chino, CA .The thought of Comcast dominating our California market scares me. The carrier I have now does a great job - far better than what I or my family has experienced with Comcast. We need as much competition as possible in California as the prices for service are already unreasonably high.

Max Ludvigson Culver City, CA

The service we receive from Time Warner is bad enough already and it costs way too much as well. Please do not allow further service deterioration by approving this merger born out of pure greed for more and more excessive profits.

Phyllis Comstock Tehachapi, CA .The service is not timely and the prices are out of sight. Thank you for considering these remarks. Leslie Smith Oakland, CA

.the service in the USA is not what is needed by a world leader. The non competitive environment has led to high prices, poor service, and slower technological development and exploration of better alternatives. A merger will only exacerbate this situation.

Larry Klein San Francisco, CA .The service from Comcast is already terrible and expensive. Allowing it to obtain a monopoly in California will just spread the pain to more Californians. Stephen Prover MD Los Angeles, CA .The quality of service we receive is bad enough as it is. Cost is extraordinarily high for the value received. Comcast will only make a bad situation horrendous

#### Paul Barnes

Hat Creek, CA

.The PUC is supposed to work to protect the people of California against the greed of large corporations and if you allow this merger we'll not only be at the mercy of one of the largest and greediest but we'll be denied something more important than money....the truth! Programing and news will be funneled to us thru a bias monopoly controlled by big money interests. Do your job and stop the merger....you work for us NOT THEM!

Janet Miller Oakland, CA

.The proposed merger would simply make this utility company one large monopoly, further restricting consumer's choices

Peter Campbell Santa cruz, CA .the proposed merger will be detrimental to CA consumers because the complete dominance of the market by Com/TW monopoly will result in higher prices, poorer service from a company which is already demonstrated very poor customer service and high prices.

Wilson Miller Long Beach, CA .The proposed merger serves no public purpose and will result in only worse service at higher fees.

Sondra Weissman Orange, CA .The proposed merger of Comcast and Warner Cable is NOT in the interest of the consumer - and definitely not good for seniors who rely heavily on TV. Earldean Robbins San Francisco, CA .The proposed merger of Comcast and Time-Warner will be a disaster for consumers. Comcast service is already poor. The merger will only encourage poorer service. Robert Passmore

Napa, CA

.The proposed merger of Comcast and Time Werner Cable must be denied. Merger could easily result in Comcast having adverse control of the market in the san francisco Bay Area. retaining competition between servers will provide the greatest choice and price for the public. Charles O'Connell Stevenson Ranch, CA .The proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable is NOT in the best interest of Californians. PLEASE SAY NO !!!!

#### Joan Bossart

#### Santa Rosa, CA

.The proposed merger may benefit the bottom lines of Comcast and Time Warner, but it sure won't make the lives of any of its customers better. If anything it will make them worse and certainly more expensive. Yet another example of business being run for the plutocrats and not for those who depend on its service. SAY NO TO COMCAST/TIME WARNER MERGER; SAY NO TO COMCAST period.

# William Black

## Fallbrook, CA

.The proposed merger is unlikely to benefit Time Warner Cable customers like me. TWC is already too expensive and their service is lousy compared to other service providers I deal with. Further increasing the monopoly in cable TV and broadband Internet will almost certainly worsen an already pretty bad situation -- there is no reason to expect it to improve when there is no effective competition.

### Caroline Beverstock

#### Atherton, CA

.The proposed merger is not in the best interest of Californians. My experiences with Comcast have mostly been frustrating. In Europe internet speeds are faster and the cost far lower than it is here. My monthly bill near \$200 a month is extortionate and I believe that the merger would simply take away any possibility of competition to protect the consumer. Please demonstrate your responsibility to the people of California and block this merger.

### William Morse

#### Hayward, CA

.The proposed merger is monopolistic and contrary to anti-trust legislation. Already, Comcast can set fees without CPUC hearing or approval. In the last few years our Comcast bill has increased 50% which is far ahead of increases in my income and the cost of living, and there has been no improvement in the quality of programs available. California needs an a la carte system of selecting channels. Robert Jansen Anaheim, CA .The proposed merger is blatantly anti-competitive. This alone is sufficient cause to reject it. Neither Comcast nor Time-Warner has a business record, especially a history of dismal customer service, that would justify any degree of optimism that the proposed combined company would serve the public interest in any manner superior than they do as presently constituted.

Mara Zlotoff San Jose, CA .The proposed merger is bad for consumers.

MAURICE G MARCUS,MD BERKELEY, CA .The proposed merger is anti-democratic ! Michael Silva

San Mateo, CA

.The proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner would have a devastating impact for cable television and the internet. This merger would mean one less competitor and less price competition among the cable companies. This will result in higher prices to California consumers including myself. If this merger is allowed to proceed with Comcast , the broadcast content providers could be severely impacted by a smaller competitive market. Please do the right thing and turn down this merger request between Time Warner and Comcast.

eliese lanne davis, CA .the proposed ComCast/Time-Warner merger is a BAD deal. remember Pres. TR & "Trust-Busting"? remember breaking up the telephone companies? keep those in mind & keep CC & TW separate, please. John Hogle

Santa Clara, CA

The profits of the cable leaders are already obscene. Giving Comcast even greater control of the California market means that they are going to gouge us even more. I encourage you to deny the merger in California of the two companies. Joann Smith Manteca, CA .The price of Comast goes up all the time, and it is time to change to a new provider with a flat rate. Your merger is not in the best interest of your customers.

#### IKE OCHOA

Santa Maria, CA

.The people of California want you to stop this merger because we don't want another ITT. Please protect us . Tx IKE Ochoa P O Box 5541 SANTA MARIA, CA 93456

Juanita Bettis Ripon, CA .the people need to decide who they want to entertain them. I'm not for the merger between Comcast Time Warmer Cable merger. J. Kenneth Poggenburg, Jr.

Encinitas, CA

.The original rationale for breaking up ATT and relaxing regulations was to foster competition and development. However, the incessant series of mergers has resulted in a monopolistic concentration now unfettered by any substantive regulation. The proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner is another move in this direction. Even as a shareholder of Comcast, and an unfortunate captive to Time Warner service in my locale, I oppose that merger.

#### William Maya

Fresno, CA

.The only way to benefit the consumer is to increase competition. Allowing two huge corporations to merge will create a mega-company that has little incentive to lower rates or be more responsive to their customers: because they will be virtually the only one in town, the state, or the country. michael harris

## Ontario, CA

.the only real reason for this merger is sheer greed with the veil of increased customer service. competition is what will drive customer satisfaction and improved service as can be seen in the cel phone and other tech sectors. michael boshears

crestline, CA

.the net should be a public utility. not controlled by 3 greedy monopolies. at&t monopoly was broken 40 years ago. now it's bigger than ever. they all need to be broken. cost is too high - vaue too low. make it a utility and stop blocking cities from building their own.

Rolf Sellge

Laguna Niguel, CA

.The nation has already suffered from lack of enforcement of anti-trust laws, ie, AIG, etall, this merger would inhibit competion and innovation while raising consumer pricing.

Marie Garside Simi Valley, CA .The merger would not be the best move for California. Please block this merger. Lovetta Burns Rosamond, CA .The merger with Comcast, will greatly make our choices null and void. We will have to watch what they control. This is NOT acceptable. We are losing our freedom to choose! It is our Constitutional right! Just say NO!

Dawn Standley Santa Maria, CA .The merger will not benefit California and its citizens. Please say NO to Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Malcolm Moore Portola, CA .The merger will be a corporation too big to serve. Harriet Levy San Anselmo, CA .The merger proposal of Comcast Time Warner is unfair. It will limit my freedom of choice and result in higher rates in the future. Do not allow this merger. Karen Leo

Laguna Beach, CA

.The merger of these two large corporations is not good for the citizens of our State. It would put greater power in the hands of one mega-corporation who could then control the airwaves and the costs. It is not in our best interests. Please use your discretion to disallow this merger in our State. Thanks.

Gloria Kilian So. Pasadena, CA .the merger of Comcast will not help me as a consumer. Please block Comcast from merging with Time-Warner. James Semick Santa Barbara, CA

.The merger of Comcast and Time Warner will probably not be in the long term interest of either company as it will just force the merged companies to raise rates and accelerate the consumer movement to "cut the cord". I'd say they would do better to focus on improving their customer service and resist those ridiculous sports channel fees.

Roger Samdahl San Jose, CA .The merger of Comcast and Time Warner will be very damaging to the consumer public in California. Please don't let it happen! Frank Schettini Long Beach, CA

.The merger isn't good for us but so is the deregulation and non regulation of what is increasingly becoming essential services for the American people.We can't live without the internet and Comcast is a provider of that service. We need competition from providers or regulate them from poor and overpriced essential services. Maeve Oertly Borrego Springs, CA .The merger is a very bad thing. Protect California now. Maeve Oertly Borrego Springs, CA .The merger is a very bad thing. Protect California now.

#### Jason Mass

#### San Francisco, CA

.The merger between Comcast and TWC will result in a near monopoly for high speed internet service and when I mean high speed internet service I don't include DSL whic isn't a true comparison because it is much slower. In addition the merger will establish acomplete monopoly for cable TV service. Historically monopolies have been entities that have not respected consumers. Why should they--they have a monopoly--no competition. It will be an consumer nightmare Without competition consumers like myself will have no alternate/leverage to seek out alternative sources for these services which promotes competition and benefits consumers.. With a monopoly we will be saddled with higher rates and less quality of service. Again look to history to see what monopolies have done to consumers. 1.1 ... τ.

Michael Mills

San Francisco, CA

.The merger between Comcast and Time Warner will not be of any benefit to consumers. We need more competition and not less. Please oppose this merger.

### Jeff Wagner

### Corralitos, CA

.The merger between Comcast and Time Warner should be denied. These companies both act in their own best interests at the expense of their customers. A merged company will have even less incentive to treat its customers as they should. Please say no to the merger. Carol Treacy

#### Petaluma, CA

.The merger between Comcast and Time Warner is a bad idea for consumers. It would give Comcast way too much market share and their high rates and poor service would be magnified and consumers would have few choices. George Golfieri Santa Rosa, CA .The merger between Comcast & Time Warner is bad for consumers. Cable prices are high enough and 1 company should not dominate the market. charles tellalian beverly hills, CA .The level and quality of service as well as the pricing of the internet is already bad enough in California. Does anyone really believe that the Comcast merger will improve any of these? Please do not permit this merger.

#### Ralph Ely Redding, CA

.The last thing we need is Comcast dominating telephone and broadband services. They have a sorry record of bad service and high cost. It is not in the best interest of my family or any consumer in California to allow the Comcast merger. I ask you to block this merger and protect our right to choose. Arthur Alenik

Capistrano Beach, CA

.The LAST thing we need in Cable TV is a complet or even partial monopoly. Service is bad enough - and prices are far too high - already. Reducing competition in CATV will hurt consumers and is anithetical to any 'free market'.

# Wm. Stefan Dwornik

West Hollywood, CA

.The last thing the people of CA, & the U.S. need is another mega corporation dominating the 95% of the population, for the benefit of the 5%.. All these mergers do is take away the power from the people to make their own cjoices, and I do NOT want a corporation, or anyone Dictating what I can and cannot view. This is simply attempt to do just that, and maybe I should just cancel, and start a petition encouraging others to speak up, and back up what they say with action, Action that will cost Comcast, which already has to much control/arrogance with regard to it's customers.

# CHARLES WILSON

#### Merced, CA

.The last thing that consumers need in California is less cable competition. There is no competition in most cities and a larger Comcast will mean even higher prices with no real choice, just overpriced "bundles." Diane Knight West Hills, CA .The last company in the world I want to do business with is Comcast. I was stuck with them once. Never again! Laurie Buckley N Hollywood, CA

.The larger they get the bigger they fail the people they're supposted to be serving. We already pay a large amount of money for the services we have now, and Time Warner will want to run that up too. We don't need their merger or their monopoly.

# David Kemnitzer Oakland, CA .The lack of choice and competition in cable and broadband make for lousy products, arrogant service, and high fees. Please stop the Comcast/TimeWarner merger. It's time to encourage cities, towns, and counties to develop fiber-to-the-door, public ISPs and cable companies, such as they have in Chattanooga and Kansas City.

hep ingham

san francisco, CA

The internet was developed and paid for by the public. Comcast pays next to nothing for the use of telephone poles and access to our homes. There's no reason to have a private internet and for Comcast to make billions in profits as it sets up its monopoly. Time to make the internet public and have the it governed locally (like the TVA did in Tennessee).

# James Bruinsslot

Northridge, CA

.The internet was a taxpayer's funds developing it, and all taxpayers have right to equal access. Allowing ComCast to have this merger to create an monopoly on the internet distribution is not good for our society.

# Peter Butt

## San Pedro, CA

.The internet is part of the public commons. Comcast, et al, has no claim on it as it was developed by DARPA using tax payer dollars. Comcast is an unlawful monopoly. The Sherman Act must be applied to Comcast and it should then be broken up into smaller entities. Frances Goff Valley Village, CA .The Internet belongs to us, not to the well-heeled board of directors of ComCast. Richard DiMatteo San Diego, CA .The increased concentration of media sources threatens the public interest and the political environment.

peggy luna pleasant hill, CA

The fewer the companies in any product area, the lower the competition and the higher the prices. Comcast is already unresponsive to its customers' needs. It will only get worse if this merger is allowed. Pamela Langley
Murrieta, CA
The false options that now exist are bad enough. Why are we still fighting anti-monopoly maneuvers by big, corporate entities a hundred years after laws were enacted to protect consumers? Comcast is notorious for bad service. Just, NO.

Daniel Reardon San Jose, CA

.The CPUC is at best a Paper Tiger. No need to concern yourselves. However, the only thing ineptitude needs to prosper is for the rest of us to do nothing. Leigh Clark Granada Hills, CA

.The corporate 1% already own almost everything. This merger will consolidate their power. If we had anti-trust laws in this country (which, as Microsoft and Time Warner demonstrate, we do not), then we would be breaking up these megalithic juggernauts, not increasing their social, political and economic clout. Enough is enough. NO to the merger! Bernard Berch Oak Park, CA .The consumer is bound to get screwed if this merger goes through. Brian Anderson Montecito, CA .The concept of the government of California agreeing to a gigantic merger that will REDUCE competition for viewers (CA tax payers) is absolutely ridiculous. Our bargaining power will be lost.

David Creighton Richmond, CA .The concentration of media is an inherent danger to public dialog and consumers. Russell Evarts Palo Alto, CA .The Comcast-Time Warner merger should NOT be approved. As a Comcast customer I have found their prices outrageous and their customer service arrogant and rude. "Customer service" for them means serving the company, not the customer. This is how a monopoly behaves. The solution to a monopoly is NOT to create a larger one. Sincerely, Russell Evarts 1776 Channing Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94303

Karen Harrington Carmichael, CA .The Comcast-Time Warner merger is a bad idea. Consumers already have limited choices. Don't take away what choices we do have. Contrary to what these companies say, mergers rarely result in lower prices or better service. In fact, it's usually the opposite.

Gloria Salazar Marquez San Diego, CA .The Comcast-Time Warmer merger is of no benefit to ordinary citizens such as myself. I am not in favor of it. Bruce Bixler Atherton, CA .The Comcast/Time Warner proposed merger will only serve to increase rates and decrease quality of service. Why does the lesson that history shows so well have to be relearned in every generation?

Louis Reed Below Davis, CA .The Comcast/Time Warner merger will create a monopoly which will be bad for Californians and eliminate competition. Please block this merger.

# Timothy Ann Hunt

## Ramona, CA

.The Comcast/Time Warner merger is not in the best interests of service to the viewing public. Neither has a particularly good reputation for customer service or listening to customer needs/wants. This would just make them larger and more able to ignore us, their customers. Please stop this merger. Steven Lewan Burlingame, CA .The Comcast/Time Warner merger is not good for consumers. As it is, there is little competition in the market and prices continue to increase while benefits decrease. Don't let them merge.

### **Richard Puz**

#### Los Angeles, CA

.The Comcast/Time Warner merger is most definitely not in the public interest. While it may not DIRECTLY reduce any choice for Californians -- we're stuck with whatever cable company we have and already have no choice -- further concentrating power in the hands of the few companies that control access to the internet -- and potentially the way traffic moves on the internet -- is in no one's best interest. Also, in this case, with Comcast's horrendous reputation for customer service, it promises to reduce TWC's customer service to the same abysmal state. MDavid Thier

### San Francisco, CA

.The Comcast/Time Warner merger is a bad idea for Californians. Comcast is my provider and they are terrible and costly. There is essentially no competition to keep prices in check. You should be making them offer a la carte service instead of paying fo hundreds of channels when I only watch 5-6. We need more , not less competition. moira LeCouteur davis, CA .The Comcast Time Warner takeover is bad for the consumer. When companies become that large, the consumer loses out & falls prey to high prices & lousy service. Please do not allow this merger.

Kathleen Abraham Torrance, CA .The Comcast Time Warner merger would be unfair to consumers!

Joe Salazar

Santa Rosa, CA

.The Comcast Time Warner merger would be a disaster for customers. With no competition, this mega company will be able to abuse us without limit. Please reject this horrible merger. Andrew Rusinak Glendale, CA .The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is clearly anti-competitive. It must be denied!

Matt Schade

San Jose, CA

.The Comcast Time Warner Cable merger does NOT serve the public's interest. Comcast pricing is already way too high. Creating a larger Comcast can only hurt consumers, not help. Please do NOT approve of this merger. Bill Fordes Santa Monica, CA .The Comcast takeover of TW would be a disaster. PLEASE do not permit it! Guy Kelley Oakland, CA

.The Comcast merger with Time Warner Cable will give Comcast way too much control of the California market and will not be in our best interest. Ranjit Chacko

San Francisco, CA

.The comcast merger will only make the most hated company in America even worse. The reliability of the service is low, and the cost of broadband is much higher than in other countries. Unless the merger comes with enforceable price controls and service quality requirements the merger should be blocked.

#### Glenn Holmes

Los Angeles, CA

.The Comcast merger will create a monopoly which will allow the combined company to charge virtually what they want to suit their bottom line.

# Fred Hungerford

Norco, CA

.The Comcast merger is not in the best interest of the public. There are a few enough cable providers in the State now and consumers are forced to pay high prices. This merger will create what is almost a monopoly over cable television in California. Without significant competition consumers will be at the mercy of a few giant cable providers. Please do not approve this merger.

fran wagstaff Palo Alto, CA .the Comcast merger is definitely not in the public interest. Please say NO! Sincerely Fran Wagstaff 2601 Cowper St Palo Alto Ca. 94306 Philip TreanorPhilipT

Yuba City, CA

.The Comcast merger is definitely a NO NO for the citizens of California. We personally pay \$164.00 per month for Xfinity and all the numerous channels we never use. We tried to comprise with these people asking for lesser Channels for a reduced billing, instead they raised the price and give us an extra Channel we don't want. This company must be controlled or we shall all go back to Antennas on our Rooftops. HELP BY REJECTING COMCASTS TAKEOVER OF TIME WARNER. Thanks Philip Treanor Yuba City, ca. 95993 Michael McCauley San Francisco, CA .The Comcast - Time Warner Cable Merger will mean higher prices, fewer choices, and worse customer service for Californians! We need more competition not less. This merger should be stopped!

#### Marilyn Sherry Cupertino, CA

.The Comcast / Time Warner Cable merger would create a stranglehold for Comcast, a company whose environmental and customer sensitivity have improved in the last ten years from atrocious to merely horrid, while their fees have risen nearly unbounded. A bigger, fatter Comcast will not provide incentive for Comcast to improve. Please honor your responsibilities to the people of California by refusing Comcast's bid to take over Time Warner.

#### Vincent Patti

#### Long Beach, CA

.The California Public Utilities Commission has ample public information to know that high prices and bad, unreliable and sometimes simply downed service is the order of the day for phone and broadband services. The public is well aware that it is healthy competition amongst utility companies that directly promotes quality and more consistent service. A Comcast monopoly flies in the face of what we already know. Moreover, it would be corrupt.

# Sharon Morris

### Hayward, CA

.The California cable market is currently dominated by two major players, AT&T and Comcast. The rates are astronomical and the service is generally abysmal. Should Comcast succeed in its bid to take over Time Warner, it would become the overwhelmingly dominant player in this market, stifling the minimal competition that currently exists. Such a marger is not in the interest of the bulk of Californians. Please make a strong statement to block the merger.

#### Susan Brinkmeyer Oxnard, CA

.The cable companies already have us as captives, and the situation can only be made worse by broadening the monopoly of any one of these major players. Where we live, in a condo-complex in Oxnard, we have to have cable, or we have no access to internet or TV. Cable is our only option. Please don't make it worse. Thanks. Steve Crabtree

San Marcos, CA

.The cable and satellite industries already have too much control over what we can watch and how much we have to pay. The Time Warner/Comcast merger will take away what few options we now have. Tatjana Greenwitz Los Angeles, CA .The bigger - the worse both service and value gets! Both TWC and Comcast are to big already on their own. Break them up.

Chuck Fisher San Leandro, CA .Thank you for your considerations in this matter. Chuck Fisher, Oakland, CA

Wendy Wittl Santa Barbara, CA .Thank you for letting us have a choice. Crystal Huggins Inglewood, CA .Thank you for considering this.

jose corvalan fostercity, CA .Terrible idea and proposal for the consumers, please say NO ! Diane Watters Simi Valley, CA .Take two cable companies with terrible customer service ratings and merge them into one giant company with little, if any, competition or reason to improve sound like a good idea to you? It doesn't to me! Mary ann Webb Temecula, CA .take action now WILLIAM ODOM CARLSBAD, CA .Take a stand for the consumer NOT against!Thank you

ernest porter Mckinleyville, CA .supporting comcast at this point is counter to a free and competitive market market. A competitive market is absolutely essential. trying to regain/fix the "market" after they have control will be difficult and traumatic... if even possible. ernest porter Terry Walker Santa Cruz, CA .Stop your monopolistic fervor to take over and control all content given to millions of Citizens. Time and again you have, continue to, and even now scheming to continue ripping us off in every way possible. Your service SUCKS and YOUR INTERNET SPEED IS THE SLOWEST IN THE FUCKING WORLD,. We have ALEADY PAID FOR HIGH SPEED GLASS CABLE TWICE OVER AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T DELIVERED! You also destroyed our local TV coverage. What liars and theives you have proved to be. What's worse, you have destroyed the competition as well.

Henri Laborde Anaheim, CA .Stop trying to be Big Brother! Carolyn George Palo alto, CA .Stop this! Kathy Paris Fallbrook, CA .stop this now Kathy Paris Fallbrook, CA .stop this now

James Piatt Torrance, CA .Stop this move towards less competition and higher prices. Mark Jordan Santa Cruz, CA .Stop this monopoly. Stop the high prices and BAD service.

james warner Moreno Valley, CA .stop this monopoly!!! Carly Barker Berkeley, CA .Stop this money grab!!!! Carol Hendl Rancho Cucamonga, CA .Stop this merger. It is so bad for the people of California. You are suppose to be working for the public.

Ron Iacopucci Redondo Beach, CA .Stop this merger!!!

Mart Smith Oxnard, CA .Stop this merger! It's so wrong on so many levels. And it will NOT benefit consumers one bit. I vote against it!

Dennis Rolley Crockett, CA .Stop this merger Dennis Rolley

Ana Belle SC, CA .stop this incompetent expensive MONOPOLY?! Seriously? Whose side are you on? Jeff Wachner Redondo Beach, CA .Stop this crazyness! TWC already has bad customer service. Comcast is even worse. A combined company would be off the charts bad! Just say NO! Jay Deike Santa Rosa, CA .Stop this deal. Susan Price Simi Valley, CA

.Stop these monopolies! They are too big & greedy! They do nothing but take away any choice. They do not care about their service or customer care when they know they are the only ones in town. Once the beat out everyone else they charge & arm & leg knowing you have no where else to go. They are just too big! Please do not take away any chance of choice.

Linda Woods San Jose, CA .Stop them now! Louis Sacks Los Angeles, CA .Stop the TWC Comcast merger

Dean Donovan San Carlos, CA .STOP THE REDUCTION IN COMPETITION. THIS MERGER IS BAD FOR CALIFORNIA CONSUMERS !!! John Coleman San Diego, CA .Stop the rape of the consumer - net neutrality forever please keep in mind that even now Comcast sucks. Think what would happen if given, handed, gifted with a monopoly.

#### ABIGAIL DAVIS

Roseville, CA .Stop the monopoly!!!....comcast and other cable companies have for years used this word to great success aganist the local telephone company....I pay high rates because of no competion in my area.....I live in the most populated state in union not Wyoming where one might expect less choices....I have one viable choice and that is comcast and that is not free market access.

Rick Cabados Encinitas, CA .Stop the monopoly as it will only increase prices, and remove competition

Edward Marcinko Westminster, CA .stop the mever of Twc with Comcast. Deborah Gottardo Orangevale, CA .Stop the merger, please.

Frank and Pat Chavez El Monte, CA

.Stop the merger! Please do not approve the megamerger of Comcast and Times Warner. These two companies do not provide their customers with good service at reasonable prices. Allowing them to merger will only cost customers more and receive less services with no alternatives. Before you even consider this merger, take the time to call each of these companies as a customer. See how quickly you receive service let alone find the correct telephone number for your needs. Once you do this you will see that these companies need to spend the money to improve their services rather than fill their pockets.

Thomas Koppa

Ukiah, CA

.Stop the merger of Comcast and Time warner. Comcast is already so big they don't care about consumers. They raise prices and cut service any time they want and we have no say. We should break up Comcast. Mark Bush Rancho Cucamonga, CA .STOP THE MERGER NOW!!! Robin Adams Manteca, CA .Stop The Madness!

Marianne Rosian Covina, CA .Stop the high prices and the take over of TimeWarner. Steve Leakos Torrance, CA .Stop the creation of a BIGGER monopoly.

Susan Moynahan San Jose, CA .Stop the Comcast/Time Warner merger. We need more competition not monopolies. This merger would definitely NOT benefit us. Prices already are too high, no competition will let comcast charge whatever it wants. Internet speed is not as fast as it claims and is high priced. Please say NO.

Nancy Bingham Novato, CA .Stop the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger!! Marilyn Jasoni Penngrove, CA .Stop the Comcast mega merger with Time Warner Cable! Marilyn Seramur Manteca, CA .Stop the big corporations from dominating the market. So tired of the monopolies.

Evelyn France VAN NUYS, CA .Stop the attempted merger with Time Warner Pierre grimes Costa Mesa, CA .stop the absurd, end glorifacation of profits, end comcast.

michael jackson Felton, CA .stop monopolies Patricia Greenough Middletown, CA .Stop it! Teresa Habeck Sunnyvale, CA .stop it! alex d Valencia, CA .stop corporate giants

Tai Gwo Sunnyvale, CA .Stop Comcast monopoly California market. Angela Hanley Petaluma, CA .Stop Comcast Merger!!!

Lawrence Carbary San Francisco, CA .Stop Comcast from having a monopoly of the California market.

Eric Lemons Mountain View, CA .Stop and ask yourself why the Comcast and Time Warner Cable merger would be good for consumers. The reality is that it would make a two bad monopolies into a bigger bad monopoly. The prices for cable have been climbing rapidly and the service is notoriously poor. See article http://www.cbsnews.com/news/cancomcast-improve-its-dismal-customer-service/ Comcast has been promising to improve their customer service for the last 30 years and has made no progress--clearly seeing no bottom-line value in it. They continue to be a bully and somehow push small cable companies out of their markets even though they cost more and provide worse service. With consumers they use deceptive practices like redefining what channels are in your bundle so you will have to upgrade and pay more to get 1 777 ττ 7 A 11

Gregg Johnson San Jose, CA .Stop acting like a new version of the ripoff Railroad Barons of the past.

German cilliani Lake Forest, CA .stop a monopoly

Constantine Camamis San Anselmo, CA .Stand up for the average citizens and their need for fair pricing and access to cable television ad internet access. Vote no on this undemocratic merger.

Gail Sredanovic Menlo Park, CA .Stand up for California consumers.That is your mandate.

Marjorie Streeter Alameda, CA .Stand for California, not big busness Phong Nguyen Sunnyvale, CA .Spur competition, stop the merger.
Roger Avats Carlsbad, CA .Sometimes merger isn't in the best interest of the consumer. This is a one of those cases. Please don't approve. Robert R Olesen Penn Valley, CA

.Some years ago, the US Congress instituted laws to prevent large monopolies - such as the Comcast proposal. Their reasoning was that such megacorporations were not in the interest of our citizens. California already has the highest taxes, highest housing prices and un-yielding legislature of any other state. Please don't approve this merger/takeover that will end up costing us significantly more for our cable applications.

Leslie Leslie Mill Valley, CA .so tired of corporations greed! sallie martin Oakland, CA .so tired of the COMCAST monopoly!!

Randall Heyden Sun City, CA .Sirs, We have seen what mega mergers and sales have done to airlines, internet access and the like. Please protect us from more price increases and lies. J. M. Strothman Berkeley, CA .Single control of content on all cable channels is not good. With monopolies, prices go up, and service goes down. John Minich Fresno, CA .Since the reputation of Comcast is not so good, it would seem better to not allow the merger and , instead, make it compete to show that it can provide better quality and service for the money paid. Ray Bustos Fullerton, CA .Since I have had Time Warner Cable for over 10 years now, I have experinced nothing but misinformation,higher prices that seem to go up, when ever TWC decides to do so, & lousy customer service, and for what? So I can continue to fund these teabagging scum supporters? This merger will only give us, the CONSUMERS, even less choice & higher fees! ENOUGH already & just say NO to comcast. No good will come from this!

## ANN WILSON

Vacaville, CA

.Sick of this giant monopoly!! Stop this merger-- as it is now, your monthly cable charges for basic cable t.v are close to \$100/mo in some areas...Comcast prices are constantly going upwards... Joyce Kearney Walnut Creek, CA .SHARE

Denny Schneider Los Angeles, CA

.Service windows and extra fees will jump when the monopoly is expanded! Free enterprise is good, but when competition is stifled we are going to pay dearly... james jayjock garden grove, CA

.Seriously can anyone possibly think this is a positive move for consumers? Yikes, if anything there should be more choices for people to find a "cable" carrier. we are already in a hostage situation for internet access, why on earth have nearly national control over the services we already pay FAR TOO MUCH for? Since talk of this merger my experience with Time Warner has suffered greatly. They have jacked their rates and what was good customer service is now in the toilet. Going the Comcast way I guess. William Cleary Los Angeles, CA .Sell off your recent acquisitions and I'll reconsider my position. Susan Fuller Norco, CA .Saying yes to this deal means saying no to consumer choice. Lack of competition is nearly always bad for consumers, and this deal is no exception. Please reconsider and choose us over them. Thank you.

Joanna Dewey Claremont, CA .say NO! Madeleine Berke Monte Rio, CA .say NO to unfair corporate actions! Monopolies are bad for people, bad for business, bad for the American economy.

Susan Buckley San Francisco, CA .Say NO to the Comcast/Time Warner merger. When I grew up television & the new were free. Now it is very expensive just to stay informed and gets more expensive every year. Please do not let this merger take place.

Kristi Plaskett Fremont, CA .Say NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Do not take my right of choice away from me. This merger is not in my best interest Roxana Labrador Union City, CA .Say NO to merge of any big organization that wants to form a monopoly on that particular service which would not help the consumer. Only make us pay more and more and more! Protect us the consumer instead promoting Monopolies which do nothing to assist or help the ordinary citizen

Lonnie Craig Burbank, CA .Say NO to Comcast...

William Ramos Hayward, CA .Say NO to Comcast. les roberts Fresno, CA .say no to comcast time warner cable merger

ALAN WILLIAMS Upland, CA .SAY NO TO COMCAST Katherine McNeill Sacramento, CA .Say "No" to the Time Warner/Comcast merger. This merger would not be in the best interests of Californians. Our internet and cable costs are already exorbitant, and service is very poor. Internet service should be a public utility. It has become a necessity for most Californians. We need affordable access with good service. The merger would give us the opposite. Oppose it! James Triplett West Point, CA .Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. If this merger goes through, Comcast will have a monopoly and customers will pay a much higher rate with no recourse. Steve Guerrero Desert Hot Springs, CA

.Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! This possible merger would be absolutely the worst for a large number of California residents. Please look out for our needs and not the needs of these already fat cat companies. thanks

Jay Gehrke Highland, CA .Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Limiting competition and choices does nothing to improve service or choice of options. Ken Gushiken Walnut Creek, CA .Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Healthy competition amongst businesses is beneficial to consumers.

Bret Polish Los Angeles, CA .Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Why would you allow a monopoly? Gilda Fusilier Sacramento, CA .Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Thank you. Barry Johnson Studio City, CA .Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Donald Whittinghill Santa Rosa, CA .Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

Eleanor Zamora-Lajes Union City, CA .Say "NO" to the Comcast time Warner Cable merger! Mike Sinkov Los Angeles, CA .Save democracy.

Paul Galioni Nevada City, CA

.Right now I live under the monopoly of Comcast, our country gave them tax subsidies and lots of 'free-bes' to lay the first lines. They have not fulfilled that contract which is now about 30 years old, and they have been given forgiven a great deal of debt. I pay close to \$100 a month for BASIC expanded cable. rIGHT NOW the 'repair window' is TWO WEEKS away, and requires that I take a day off work to be here. Aa friend who doesn't have a choice and lives in Shasta County pays \$130 a month because where his house is located is not able to receive ATT satellite cable. He is a virtual quad: no legs and no upper body strength and cannot afford their cable and internet combined so he chose cable -- a choice no disabled California vet should ever face. And like he says, if it goes up another \$20 a month he won't 11 4 CC 1'4 '41 A 11 ' . . . 1

Armando Aranjo Vista, CA .restore democracy.... end the corporate/ fascist/ hungry ghost state Anthony Abuzeide San Francisco, CA .Regulate cable as a monopoly edna tussey Moraga, CA .RECEPTION & SERVICE ARE ALREADY BAD ENOUGH BUT WOULD BE MUCH WORSE IF ONLY ONE COMPANY HAD TOTAL CONTROL OF CONSUMERS SERVICE - WITH NO COMPETITION FOR THE MARKET THEY COULD THUMB THEIR NOSE AT US, SO NO MERGER, PLEASE!!!

Nadine Turner Newport Coast, CA .Really? This is being given consideration? Please stop the madness. Sharon Russell Oakland, CA .RE: COMCAST Your prices are too high, your service is lousy and nobody likes you. The LAST thing such a crumby, bloated company needs to do is get larger. Best case scenario would be if Comcast just disappeared altogether.

William Hoyos Paramount, CA .Rates are unaffordable already, they will only go up without competition... Louis Feinberg Walnut Ceek, CA .Rates are too high, channels are being held hostage, enough is enough! Michelle Rasteiro El Dorado Hills, CA .Rates are already out of control. Please don't enable this run away train. Ron Mohler Huntington Park, CA

.Quite frakly, Comcast has had one of the worst reputations for cost servive and customer service. They are one of the main reasons that consumers are moving away from cable service for TV and going with steaming services. So why would we want them to dominate our accese? In my humble opinion, it was a mistake to give cable companies, and companies excusive and monoplies in the service areas by cities and towns. We need more competoin, not less. More choises, and more freedoms of choise. This is why such mergers are bad, and why we need Net Nutrality. Keep the freedom, and increas cometition.

Sarah Bagby Los Angeles, CA .quit caving in to these guys. Don't allow this merger to happen. Brad Bunnin Berkeley, CA .Putting two poor performers together in one monopolistic company makes no sense for us consumers. Instead, hold each company to improvements in service and pricing.

Britt Stitt Inverness, CA .PUC. I pray you reverse the trend to "bigger is better", which, though sensible for corporate profits, puts just too much power in the hands of too few. Please stop the Comcast Time union. Fred Bernal Antioch, CA .PUC, Please keep Comcast from merging with Time Warner.They want to become a monopoly so they can continue to raise prices at will and continue their lousy service. Karen Hernikl Walnut Creek, CA .PUC please protect us from this Comcast attempt of total control which will not be good for the people of CA.

Theresa Wilhelm Redondo Beach, CA .Protect the interest of the people

Kathleen Haney Folsom, CA .Protect Consumers - Stop this takeover! rr Waters Hermosa Beach, CA .Protect competition from further concentration of corporate power. Oppose the added concentration of these monopolistic services.

Karen Tracy Joshua Tree, CA .Proposed merger does not bring benefit to consumers. Touted benefits accrue only to the cable companies. Consider us, the cable customers in your decision. Say 'No!'

Jo Anne Pyne Carmichael, CA .Prices are too high as it is. We don't need Comcast to add to that. Michelle Matthow Studio City, CA .Prices are so high and customer service is terrible. No to merger. Virginia Lawrence Northridge, CA .Prices are already high. If Comcast merges with Time Warner, the prices will go up!

Chatham H. Forbes Sr. Los Gatos, CA .Prevent a Comcast monopoly. Josephine Hill San Diego, CA .President Theodore Roosevelt had recognized that for a democracy to succeed for all the classes of citizens, big corporations must be curtailed from becoming so powerful that the average citizen's will would be hopelessly ignored. He did not want to destroy corporations, but broke up mega corporations so they did not become so overpowering that the average citizen lost their constitutional rights to them. Today we are again faced with corporations' power and greedy drive for obscene profits.. You are in a position to curtail that by not allowing copanies like Comcast to swallow its competitors.

Frank Burton Hayward, CA .Preserve the possibility of competition in the cable industry. Protect consumers, not corporations. William Truesdell Concord, CA .Preserve competition in California. Don't sell out our citizens and consumers. Please reject this merger plan.

### leland bellot

#### Placentia, CA

.Presently, I have few choices other than Time Warner Cable because my house is surrounded by trees that make "dish" reception problematic. With TWC I have to pay for scores of channels that I don't watch in order to g receive the ones I do watch.I'm sure the proposed merger with Comcast will not make things better and will most likely will make things worse by significantly expanding Comcast's near monopolistic advantage. If you approve the merger, you should simultaneously allow customers greater choice in hat is and what is not included in individual channel-packages.

Michael Dunn Mountain View, CA .Poor service, high prices, NO merger.

Steven Nielsen Santa Rosa, CA .Poor customer service. Union busting. Do we want to reward a company like that with even more customers? I say no.

George Dolwick Stockton, CA .Please... Do not allow the Comcast Time Warner merger

Ronald Dawson Albany, CA .Please. Stop the Time Warner / Comcast merger! We need more competition, not less Ellen Caldwell San Anselmo, CA .Please,say "NO" to this dangerous deal. We the consumer, keep paying higher and higher fees for a service we can't control. SAY NO!!! Van Rookhuyzen San Francisco, CA .Please, we do not need anymore mergers, especially one this size. It is already bad enough now. Comcast already has a monopoly in San Francisco and most of the bay area, for cable.

ian mctaggart Lower Lake, CA .Please, say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

Shelley Burwell Oceanside, CA .Please, protect consumers! Vote NO on the Comcast Time Warner cable merger. Send a message to these greed obsessed corporations....the people demand quality service, equal access and fair prices. Thank you. S. Burwell

Sarah Luth San Diego, CA .Please, please, please!

Robert McCombs Arcata, CA .Please, no more telecommunications monopolies.

# Ronald Ring

Merced, CA

.Please, no combination of Comcast and warner! It is not your responsibility to eliminate competition. Prices are high enough without further reducing competitors. As it is now they partially cripple their computer connection so they can restrict it less to charge you more for higher speeds Ronald Canfield Alameda, CA .please, it's bad enough with Comcast . A merger and more Comcast would be unbearable. This merger is NOT in the public interest at all.

Ronald Canfield Alameda, CA .please, it's bad enough with Comcast . A merger and more Comcast would be unbearable. This merger is NOT in the public interest at all.

Marilyn Borges San Diego, CA .Please, for our people and our future. sandra herzstein fremont, CA .Please, folks need competition, it is healthy for the economy and the people. Conglomerates in few hands, in my opinion is anti American. Again, please for the economy and the people. Thank you!

Leonard Zavertnik Arnold, CA .Please, don't let Comcast & Time Warner merger. We're already experiencing exorbitant rates and terrible service. Michael Brinkman Camarillo, CA

.Please, DO NOT permit the merger of Comcast and Time / Warner Cable. All it will do is reduce the consumer's options for cable services and remove the incentive for competitive improvement of services and product. There is NO possible way that the merger of two companies that EACH have lousy customer will yield one company with good customer service. Permitting this merger to go through will clearly demonstrate that the corporations are protected in Sacramento, and not California's citizens. Please be our voice on this important issue and say, very loudly, NO to this merger. Thank you. William Cerney Antelope, CA .Please, do not let Comcast obtain an unfair near monopoly in my state. Please, STOP this! Peter Nelson Lakeside, CA

.Please, do not give monopolistic control over our cyber space to a company with one of the lowest customer satisfaction ratings in the industry. Giving COMCAST more control over the service market is no guarantee that they will improve! With less competition where is their incentive to do so?

Sharon Osolnik West Hollywood, CA .Please, do not further reduce our choices for phone and internet services. There are few enough choices as it is, this would produce a virtual, if not actual, monopoly in some areas of our state. Please, say no to Comcast and its proposed merger with Time Warner. Sharon Lawson

Patterson, CA

.Please, do not allow Comcast Time Warner merger. Over the years, I have tried many times to use Comcast services and have been taken advantage of, ignored, 'ripped off', etc. Comcast is a 'cut throat' business; it lies and cheats customers. This has been my experience. I thank God I can choose Frontier for my services. Dealing with Frontier means I'm treated like a human being and everything is honest and above board. Comcast is a 'commercial THUG'.

Avis Durgan San Diego, CA .PLEASE!!! Don't take away the little choice that we have in cable providers! Don't allow Comcast to take over Time Warner!!!

Joan Antonuccio Oakland, CA .Please! They have messed up enough. Don't give them even more control. Just. Don't. Denise Jones Eureka, CA .PLEASE we do not need anymore monopolies, really how can this be better for anyone but the Comcast Corporation and it's shareholders? It certainly won't provide a better service for a less expensive rate. Why do you even have to think about this? Look around this country we have become greed mongers and just keep growing the top and leaving out the middle and bottom. That is not a way to build a healthy economy. Thank you for reading this and go to your hearts not your pocket books. ENOUGH is ENOUGH.

R. Marti Altadena, CA .Please vote no on this merger.

Nigel Nieva Sacramento, CA .Please vote against the Comcast-Time Warner merger Dennis Takahashi Santa Clara, CA .Please vote against the Comcast Time Warner merger.

Z Everett Garden Grove, CA .Please vote against the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Hui-Hwa Chiang Fremont, CA .Please vote "No" on the Comcase Time Warner Cable merger. Wade Meyercord

Monte Sereno, CA

Please stop this proposed merger. My experience with Comcast is one of awful service and exorbitant prices. A merger will only make this situation worse. Wade Meyercord 16187 Greenwood Lane Los Gatos, CA 95030 TERRY FOUST Temecula, CA .PLEASE STOP THIS MONOPOLY TAKE OVER OF THESE TWO TERRIBLE COMPANIES!!

Carole A. Smith-Stallings Discovery Bay, CA .Please stop this merger. It will not benefit me! Roberto Quintana Sacramento, CA .Please stop this merger. We need to diversify and not consolidate cable and internet companies. The USA has the highest prices for these services. Roberto Quintana, 1040 Vallejo Way Sacramento, CA 95818

Gay Crusius SANTA CLARITA, CA .Please stop this merger. We need more choices for service-not less! Time Warner's service and prices are bad enough as is. Susan Ellman Topanga, CA .Please stop this merger. The consumer will suffer. Everytime there is a merger and we lose competing cable companies the prices go up. Comcast is already too powerful Arline Kaplan Huntington Beach, CA

.Please stop this merger. My rates at Time Warner are high enough. I don't want to have a total monopoly created. It almost never ends well for the consumer, despite claims of economies of scale. Thank you. Wayne Rothermich Goleta, CA .Please stop this merger!

#### Nancy Gutierrez

#### Palm desert, CA

.Please STOP this merger between Comcast and Time Warner. This merger would hurt all Californians and only benefit Comcast. Internet costs are already too costly with crappy service. We don't need less competition (what the merger would do), we need more competition (more providers would compell the industry to clean up its act and improve customer service). The fact is Americans pay so much more for poor Internet service while other countries provide much faster Internet speeds at a lower price; why can't Americans get a fair deal? The Internet industry has powerful lobbyists on Capital Hill and plenty of corrupt politicians who only care about their bottom line, not their constituents. Hopefully California can be a leader in Internet reform.

virginia a simpkins

Elk Grove, CA

.please stop this mega merger now and help consumers for a change. We just received our new bill with a \$20 increase....it's the anniversary of our signing with them. If we didn't have a cancel penalty we would cancel the service. we have to wait until Oct. 2015....

Simon Arkoff Rancho Palos Verdes, CA .Please stop this mega merger Thomas Barton Los Altos, CA .Please stop this consolidation which can only reduce competition further abd provide worse service. Carl Lustig Westlake Village, CA .Please stop the Time Warner - Comcast merger NOW!! Carl Lustig 2173 Hillsbury Rd Westlake Village, CA 91361 Mark Gearheart Pleasant Hill, CA

.Please stop the proposed Time-Warner Cable / Comcast merger. This monopoly will hurt consumers. It's time for the PUC to start regulating business to protect the public, and stop cozying up to the 1% at the expense of the rest of us.

Kitty Matson Murrieta, CA .Please stop the proposed merger of Comcast and Time-Warner cable companies. A large conglomerate, such as this would be is always against the public interest, as it results in higher prices and poorer customer service. Thank you. Nancy Weiler Boyes Hot Springs, CA

Please stop the monopoly these big companies are creating PG&F is had enough - at least if I don't li

creating. PG&E is bad enough - at least if I don't like Walmart, I can shop at Penny's, Kohl's, Macy's and so on. Having only one or two choices for a service, particularly a utility as cable companies now are, is what you folks are supposed to prevent, Thank you.

Carole Meier Walnut Creek, CA .Please stop the monopoly of our communications industries Helene Davis Long Beach, CA .Please stop the merger. I will suffer from lack of competition in a seller's market. Please, please do not approve the merger.

# B. E. Highley

El Dorado Hills, CA

.Please stop the merger of Comcast and Turner Warner Cable. Prices are already high for cable service and this merger could easily cause even more hikes in prices. Eliminating competitors is another problem that could happen. There are many reasons to stop a possible monopoly on any sort of communication. The control that would be able to occur would even infringe more on the "free market" and stymy innovations and personal freedom of choice.

#### Curtis Kent Santa Maria, CA

Please stop the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. The cable company's are already a monopoly and by allowing this merger you will be diminishing the free market system even further. This will only lead to higher prices and less customer service because there will be no alternative to Comcast in most areas. This does not even take into account the threat to our information freedom as more and more power resides in fewer corporation's that we depend on to provide us with free and unbiased information. Also by giving so much power to one corporation they could have undo influence on internet traffic itself. This potential has already been seen in the deal Comcast made with Netflix.

Shirley Smith Chico, CA .Please STOP the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable Shirley Smith 1672 E. 8th St. Chico, CA 95928 Ellen Lewis Santa Rosa, CA .Please stop the Comcast Time Warner merger. Comcast is to big as it is. Nothing good will come out of a merger.

Thomas Hedge Porter Ranch, CA .Please stop the Comcast Time Warner merger Kris Cordova Loma, CA .Please stop the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. It will only hurt the consumer ! Albert Krueger La Mesa, CA .Please stop the Comcast Time Warner cable merger!!Albertack/ack Tom Knochenhauer san diego, CA .Please stop Comcast's monopolistic plans and help foster competition in CA. Thanks.

Dolores Holguin Thousand oaks, CA .please stop big corperations from taking over!! Jane Lagas Oakland, CA .Please stand up for Cali consumers, not monopolistic corporations.

Joseph Wernet Chico, CA .Please spare me from going to the poor house just to pay for internet service. Don't let this happen. Kenneth Horwitz Simi Valley, CA .Please see to it that consumers have real choice in choosing the TV service that will give them real choice at fair prices. This means more choice and not less. The Comcast Time Warner merger means a monopoly and virtually no choice. Please consider the consumers in making your decision. Gwen Dhesi Santa Rosa, CA .Please see that this very large corporation stays out of California. Thank you. Frieda Gehlen San Diego, CA

.Please scrutinize this deal very carefully. Having one carrier dominate the populous areas of the state is not good for any of us. A market economy needs competition to be good for consumers. The presumed savings that come from economies of scale seem only to benefit the companies, not consumers. When I was in business school, the strategy textbooks taught that companies should extract as much "rent" as they can from the business and that includes becoming monopolistic if possible. That may, in fact, work for a business, but it is not good for the public, and your job is to protect the public.

 Charles Viggers Fort Bragg, CA .Please say no! to Comcast's proposed merger plan with Time Warner.

Olive Franklin Willits, CA

.Please say no to this merger. It concentrates too much power in too few companies, undermining the American concept of competition, and will have the inevitable result of making the services we depend on more expensive and less good. This is a bad thing. Rita Harrington Berkeley, CA .Please say no to this merger to make Comcast even bigger. It has a bad reputation for service and charges outrageous prices already. This is a critical issue for Californians. John Chebultz Los Angeles, CA .Please say NO to the Comcast/TW Cable merger! David Dent Clovis, CA .Please say no to the Comcast Time Warner merger.

Roy Carr San Francisco, CA .Please say no to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. I can't pay any more for cable, so the merger will not benefit me.

Raymond Howe Citrus Heights, CA .Please say no to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

## jACQUELIN pERRYY

La Jolla, CA

.Please say no to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! We are fed up with high prices and lousy service for phone and broadband services. This merger is not in our best interest. It is a bad idea to allow Comcast to control our state market It will not benefit us. Please block this deal. Thank you Kylene Miller

Hercules, CA

.Please say NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! I now pay more for cable than anything else but food and the service is HORRIBLE! Please don't allow this merger to crate a monopoly in California which provides nothing good in return. Creating a monolithic entity to control our phones and broadband is a VERY BAD idea - please resist this merger!

#### **Dolores Manning**

Aptos, CA

.Please say no to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! I have a number of stories to tell about Comcast's terrible service, ( for the past month I have had only intermittent TV & empty promises from Comcast) but the one that took the cake occurred a year + ago when the Comcast installer instructed me to buy a new receiver and TV because my problem was not Comcast's fault. It turned out it was. I think Comcast's motto is "The customer is always wrong." Much more important, the power of big companies is increasingly frightening. I worry that democracy is becoming an empty word. I am angry that consumer is a word that the big companies define as a second class entity without equal rights( just try doing business with them), but I am heartsick over what has happened to American 11

Lisa Working Los Angeles, CA .Please say NO to the Comcast merger. It is not in the public interest.

Laura Drewes Petaluma, CA .Please say No to Monopolies! What ever happened to the Sherman Anti-Trust Act?! david sacks Los Angeles, CA .Please say NO to Comcast. I have suffered through their service in the past (state of washington). Probably the worst customer service I have ever suffered through

Dale Rhymer Simi Valley, CA .Please say no to Comcast. P. Dowell

Santa Maria, CA

.Please say no to Comcast, We do not need a multi type business doing everything. Give the samller businesses a chance,. Let California return to the "Great" state it once was, Run very well and because we had small businesses all working together, Jim Cullen Petaluma, CA .Please say no to Comcast! Robert West Rancho Santa Margarita, CA .Please say NO to Comcast because we all will end up paying much higher Cable bills. Thanking you in advance.

Ken Cecaci Castro Valley, CA .Please say no to the proposed Comcast and Time Warner merger! I believe this would amount to a near monopoly of the relevant services with less options, quality, and very likely higher costs to me the consumer.

# Arlene Stone

Cambria, CA

.Please say "no" to the Time Warner/Comcast merger. It is not in the publics interest for this to take place and the PUC is supposed to be in the business of looking out for the public interest.

#### Carl Huber

Jurupa Valley, CA

.Please say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. I am told that if this deal goes through, a tradeoff of service areas will occur between the new company and Charter Communications. Picking the lesser of two evils, I'd rather that my services continue to be provided by Charter Communications. It was one of the reasons I chose to live where I do.

## Felicia Liu

Oakland, CA

.Please say "No" to the Comcast time Warner Cable merger, which will only cause Comcast to have a monopoly over Cable availability in our city, Oakland, CA. Thanks for your attention. Sincerely, Felicia Liu 1066 Longridge Road Oakland, CA 94610 Katie Zukoski Chico, CA .Please say "NO!" to Comcast's bid to takeover Time warner Cable. I believe the merger will make our crummy broadband & phone service even worse and make high prices rise higher. Please stand up for us, the consumers!

Taia Ergueta Redwood City, CA .Please safeguard consumer choice by blocking the Comcast Time warner cable merger.

James Flowers Palm Desert, CA .Please reject the request for the Comcast merger. Cable rates are ridiculous now, and will only get worse if this is allowed to happen Jo Lewis Harbor City, CA .Please reject the proposed merger of Time Warner Cable and Comcast. I recently dropped Time Warner because of poor service and I don't believe that reducing competition is going to benefit consumers.

Marjory Montgomery Colton, CA .Please reject the merger. I'm already limited to TWC and ATT in my area. I don't want Comcast.

Bert Katzung San Rafael, CA .Please reject the Comcast-Time Warner merger. We need effective competition in California! Walter Stauss Aptos, CA .Please reject the Comcast-Time Warner merger. We need better service not worse service. Nicole Fountain Oakland, CA

.Please put a stop to Comcast's overt (though misguided and corporate-megalomania driven) maneuvers to control what's always been a shared resource--the Internet! The corporate behemoth, which provides TERRIBLE, UNPREDICTABLE, AND MEAGER SERVICE, already has a grossly unfair, undemocratic monopoly over the industry. And that breeds EVEN WORSE SERVICE! I can't imagine how Comcast's service could possibly get any worse, but the go-getters employed by this oppressive regime have concocted yet another unconscionable idea--merging with Time Warner. Please protect all Californians from Comcast! Thank you!

nancy blastos Redlands, CA .Please protect the consumers since the middle class is struggling and the merger of 2 powerful companies would work against us.

Stan Helton Concord, CA .Please protect concusmers and the Free Market and block this merger. Thank you.

John Dusterberry

Palo Alto, CA

.Please prevent the union in California of Comcast and Time Warner. Our choice of cable providers are very limited now, and the proposed union will only further increase the monopolistic power Comcast already has. Sincerely yours, John Dusterberry 4040 El Cerrito Road Palo Alto CA 94306 Liz Pianetta Fresno, CA .Please prevent the Comcast monopolization of California. Christopher Harris San Diego, CA .Please prevent the "monopolization" of the telecommunication/cable industry. It is already unresponsive to customer complaints, and provides horrible customer service, with never ending, unwarranted rate increases. Please, please protect the consumer, who often has no choice of cable providers in their area - say no to Comcast's & Time Warner Cable's merger. Thank you.

Gregory Callaghan Los Angeles, CA .Please Please stop this take over and find away to increase competition in high speed internet service. My earthlink high speed cable will not be available any more if you allow this!

Michele Lagoy San Diego, CA .Please oppose this merger! CA does not need to be victims of this corporation. Please keep us a consumer friendly state.

John Dunlap Mill Valley, CA .Please oppose the Comcast/Time Warner merger. We will be paying the price for a long time.

Kathy Ramos Sacramento, CA .Please NO to Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger!!!!! Fred Winslow MORAGA, CA .Please no merger James Dawson Davis, CA .Please listen to my comment the many millions more by Americans and do the right thing here. coleen garrity Watsonville, CA

.Please keep the internet as a level playing field for all Americans. Comcast gets ENOUGH freebies from the taxpayer. Please, please - DO NOT give these people the internet, they will use it for their personal gain and nothing else.

lannie medina Windsor, CA .Please keep competition and the free enterprise system Alive in the USA.

leon cooper Malibu, CA .please help us by voting against this merger

Gene Burke Woodland Hills, CA .Please help STOP this huge corporate marriage between these 2 companies. This proposed merger is NOT in the consumer's interest at all. "First, Do No Harm" to the public. Please.

Ekachai Danupatampa Montebello, CA .Please help protect consumers from single source provider so the service price will remain competitive as long as there is a competitor. Ruth Johnson Sacramento, CA .Please help me keep choices. Don't let Cpmcast be in control

Claudia Weldon Laguna Niguel, CA .please hear us - the answer is "no" to this merger!!

Bruce Buckingham Atascadero, CA .Please give us a choice! Stop the merger. Tom Hawkins Fort Bragg, CA .Please give serious consideration to blocking the Comcast/Time Warner cable merger. The cost of cable is high now, and choices are limited. I get many more channels than I want/need, and I actually watch a small percentage. If, as a result of the merger, I could select only the channels I want and pay only for those, the merger would be less objectionable to me.

Pat Kurzman Alameda, CA .Please give me a choice between more than CC and AT&T. I shudder at the thought of only Comcast! I do not watch cable because of these guys.

Krista McKee San Jose, CA .Please give consumers a choice in providers, not company dominion! Thomas Zynda Fresno, CA .Please find that the merger of Comcast and Time-Warner cable companies is NOT in the public interest. Comcast has a reputation for high prices and poor customer service. Such a merger would also prevent competition from other companies and possibly force some existing broadband companies (such as the one I use) out of business.

Douglas McDonnell Encinitas, CA .Please dump this corporate merger.

Klaus Krause Santa Clara, CA .Please don't reduce whatever competition still exists in California's cable markets. Kurt Albrecht Oroville, CA .Please don't let this merger take place. Even if their service was good, competition is better. But their service isn't good. Please allow us to have a choice.

Eileen Logan Thousand Oaks, CA .Please don't let this merger happen. I have personal experience with Comcast's service and it is not one to be sought after. Neither of these providers has good service; together they will make customer service a nightmare. Thanks, Eileen Logan

James Lingenfelter Nevada City, CA .Please don't let this happen. The consumer will be squeezed again. Limited choices and higher prices. Lynd Bacon Woodside, CA .Please don't let the Comcast Time Warner merger go through. It will (further) weaken consumers, and will make access to content more expensive for us. Melissa Holmes Fremont, CA .Please don't let the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger go through. This will lead to higher cable and phone rates and worse service. This is not in the interest of the citizens of California!

#### Nancy Boerman

Alameda, CA

.Please don't let Comcast take over Time Warner. We the people need MORE competition between businesses that set prices and make decisions about service and content, not less. The PUC is supposed to represent the public, the consumers, NOT big business. Please do the right thing for the majority of Californians. Thank you. James Gordon Santa Maria, CA .Please don't let Comcast monopolize California's cable tv market.

#### Kathleen Hynes

San Francisco, CA

.Please don't let Comcast merge with Time Warner. We already have inordinately high cable rates. While Comcast service is generally good, but if something goes wrong one can spend hours trying to rectify the problem. For example the manager of our building, who by the way works 3 jobs, spent four hours on the phone trying get to straighten out something with Comcast. Also I have two friends of above average intelligence who worked most of their lives, disabled now, but cannot afford the Comcast rates here in San Francisco. The Internet has become more and more a basic communication tool. You could really help our children by facilitating decent Internet rates. A lot of their studies need access to the Internet. Are we going to leave the poor to rot or let them study so they can earn a decent **D' 1** 

Thomas Burke Vallejo, CA .Please don't let Comcast get away with this! Carla Hout San Diego, CA

.Please don't have Comcast come into California, it is an awful tele company, have had several experiences with them, Time Warner is bad enough as it is... Keep them separate and Comcast out on the east coast Jackie O'Donnell San Jose, CA .PLEASE don't create another corporate monster that gobbles up us consumers! Comcast already has high prices and often-questionable service. Taking Time Warner out of competition can only make matters worse. Isn't our national goal to have everyone have internet access? Even people who are poor and seniors living on a tight budget and at the mercy of corporations?

Curtis Ponzi San Francisco, CA .Please don't create a cable monopoly which puts service outside the range of most subscribers. Comcast already costs a fortune. Jon Wolf El Cerrito, CA .Please don't approve this merger. Comcast has always been unresponsive to consumer needs. This will only make that behaviour worse.

Henry Flores Quincy, CA .Please don't approve the merger! It will only result in less competition and higher prices!

William Sell Arcadia, CA .Please don't approve of the proposed Time Warner & Comcast merger. Bruce Slawson Palmdale, CA .Please don't allow this monopoly! It takes away any meaningful competition in the internet marketplace.

nettie generas San Diego, CA .Please don't allow this merger. Competition is the most healthy way to serve everyone's needs and rights!

#### MICHAEL YALDEZIAN Woodland Hills, CA

Please don't allow this merger to go through. The service is already bad and if allowed to proceed it will only make things worse. Competition is the back bone of our system, being able to force the competition to meet or beat their standards is the only way to insure that the companies will strive to improve their own business. This MEGA merger will only allow for MEGA nightmares where the consumer ends up being the looser.

## Greg Severson

## Los Angeles, CA

.Please don't allow this merger in California. The cable companies already have dedicated monopolies in our state and my area of the west side of Los Angeles already had Comcast when they bought ATT BI. Then they had to sell it to Time Warner. The bottom line for the consumer is that we have constantly-changing email addresses for the accounts with the cable companies forced on us.

Sandy Hain Palo Alto, CA .Please don't allow the Comcast Time Warner merger. We need competition not big monopolies. It is in the public's interest to block this. Kathleen Collins Sacramento, CA .Please don't allow the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. It will amount to a monopoly. Consumers will have fewer rights and little recourse for complaints. Thank you. John Dellasala Newbury Park, CA .Please don't allow it. Elena Filenko Palo Alto, CA .please don't allow creation of monopoly on cable and internet services.

Teresa Wong San Francisco, CA .Please don't allow Comcast to monopolize the industry. Dick Vittitow Santa Cruz, CA .Please don't allow Comcast to increase its power and wealth at the detriment of the public. Your support of the California Public is vital.

Harv Silverberg Montecito, CA .please don't add another big monopoly to our lives. No to Comcast

Loretta Lomas Quincy, CA .Please don"t allow yet another big monopoly! Michael Curtis Santa Cruz, CA .PLEASE do what you can to stop this merger! I wish we had more competition in the marketplace. My experience with Comcast has been terrible. Poor service. Unreliable technical support. Rising and excessive increases in rates.

Katherine Lawrence San Jose, CA .PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT COMCAST in their California plan to dominate the market.

Richard McDonald Sacramento, CA .Please do not permit Time Warner and Comcast Cable to merge. Sylvia Thompson Palm Desert, CA .Please do not permit the merger. Services are so expensive as it is, prices will only go up.

Rosa Esquer Turlock, CA .Please do not pass. Barbara Cayer La Quinta, CA .Please do not merge these 2 mega-giants who charge excessive fees just to watch basic television,. Unfortunately I am a victim of both due to living winter in the desert and beach in summer....while taking full charge of my grandchildren. The rates are ever increasing even though I have asked for the least amount possible! I am a senior on a fixed income and just need to watch the news and a few game shows. Thanks. Deborah Jones Walnut Creek, CA

.Please do not let this merger take effect! Competition is the American way. I had Comcast service and it was terrible . I switched to Astound after going through Comcast Hell. I can't imagine how their service will deteriorate even further if they become a monopoly! Debbie Koerner Carmichael, CA .Please do not let this merger happen. Capitalism depends on competition to ensure quality products at affordable prices. Please.

Christine Button Oroville, CA .Please do not let Comcast take over Time Warner. The choices now are expensive enough and with less competition they will be even more expensive. James Spillet Barstow, CA .Please do not let Comcast take over Time Warner Cable. Comcast would be to controlling. Plus it would raise rates and put Time Warner Cable out of business. Thank you, James Spillet

David Rose Roseville, CA .Please do not let Comcast own all of California's cable business. Monopoly is not fair to consumers. Anthony R Proni San Marcos, CA .please do not let comcast merge with time warner cable. thank you
Mary Goff Long Beach, CA .Please do not let Comcast dominate the California market!!

Bonnie Rohrbach Penn Valley, CA .Please do not let Comcast destroy the free internet.

Kenneth Rohrbach Penn Valley, CA .Please do not let Comcast destroy the free internet. Walter Stanley Thousand Oaks, CA .Please do not let Comcast and Time Warner Cable to merge. They will only result in causing the rates to rise and rise and raise

Duffey Wolvin Santee, CA .Please do not let America fall even further behind Europe and Asia! Samuel Cotton Arroyo Grande, CA .Please do not do this ill advised merger. Comcast is the worst cable service in the USA. Think about the people you represent-is this in our best interests?? Maria Arabolos San Francisco, CA

.Please do not create a monopoly by supporting the merger of Time Warner and Comcast. Please protect the consumer. The public becomes prisoners to the services that this "giant" deems to provide at exorbitant prices. John Hoyt Bakersfield, CA .Please do not approve this merger. Prices are high enough as it is.

Sharon Rodrigues Fremont, CA .Please do not approve this merger. Broadband and phone service need to be made a utility and regulated to eliminate the lousy service and high prices due to lack of competition. Nancy Rasmussen Ventura, CA .Please do not approve the merger of Time Warner and Comcast. My Time Warner bill continues to increase. I'm not able to pay for what I want in TV channels. Merging with another large corporation will not allow for a competition in the cable TV market

Andrew Ordons Gilroy, CA .Please do not approve the merger of Comcast with Time Warner. gil munz san rafael, CA

.Please do not approve the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Without comp[etiton the consumer will pay dearly so we are at your mercy. Please do not approve the takeover of the two corporations. Howard Myers San Diego, CA .Please do not approve the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We need more competition, not less! Judith Ryan Lafayette, CA

.Please do not approve the merger between Comcast and Time Warner--we need more competition for these services and not less. With less competition, there is less incentive to keep prices reasonable or to provide good customer service, both of which Comcast needs to improve. I do not think this merger will benefit me. Thank you for your consideration.

Jeffrey Brown San Diego, CA .Please do not approve the Comcast/Time Warner merger. It will restrict choice, lower competition in marketplace and raise costs for the consumer. It's a bad deal for california consumers. Thanks,

Harry Ault Northridge, CA .Please do not approve the Comcast Time Warner Merger. We can't afford this monopoly!!

Don and Eloise Renelle San Jose, CA .Please do not approve the Comcast time warner merger. Consumers need more choices not less. Approve the merger only if great improvements are made in rates and service.

Gina Gatto Castro Valley, CA .Please do not approve the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Thank you zie payne Cupertino, CA .Please do not approve the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Frances Katsuranis Berkeley, CA Please DO NOT approve the Comcast bid to merge with the Time Warner Cable! My experience with Comcast internet services is recent and short-lived, BECAUSE of the poor service I received through the company. Fortunately, I had the option to choose another service provider. It was approximately 2 months from the time I reported a problem with my Comcast service to the time that service personnel arrived to correct it. Meanwhile, I had been given days and times (in blocks of 8 - 12 hours) that I could expect personnel to appear. Since the Comcast box had been installed INSIDE a locked gate (as I informed the Comcast staff), I had to be home or leave my home unsecured until the repair was completed. Though I requested advance notification when the repair staff were to arrive, and

Rita Jacques Salinas, CA .please do not approve comcast's takeover of Time-Warner. They have proven themselves as unreliable and demonstrating greed as well as poor customer service

Gary Guinan Redondo Beach, CA .Please do not approve a TWC-Comcast merger. We need more competition, not less.

Johnny Klonaris San Jose, CA .Please do NOT ALLOW THIS! Thank you. Allison Duckworth Soledad, CA .Please do not allow this to happen. There are families who are struggling now to pay for cable with no rights. You must not allow Comcast to monopolies this market. Bette Leitzke Santa Cruz, CA .Please do not allow this monopoly to occur. Competition is a good thing for consumers and industry progress!

Donald Maney oakland, CA .Please do not allow this merger. Competition in the market place is good for business and the consumer. This is what makes America great.

Carol Ybarra La Mirada, CA .Please do not allow this merger. If Comcast and Time Warner merge, there will be even less competition for these businesses and people will be trapped without any other choices. These businesses are too large already and do not need to become a monopoly.

Kian Shafae Belmont, CA .please do not allow this merger.

Morgan Peters Los Angeles, CA .Please do not allow this merger to happen. Please protect the people in California from this huge companies who will exploit us. Thank you.

mary nella gonzales Bakersfield, CA .Please do not allow this merger to happen. Tom Miller Livermore, CA .Please do not allow this merger of cable companies to happen. Poor service and higher prices will only benefit comcast and screw the consumer Thomas Humphrey II BRENTWOOD, CA .Please do not allow this Comcast Time Warner Cable merger to stifle free flow of communication. Vote NO! Thank you.

Patricia Leonard Novato, CA .Please do not allow the Time-Warner Comcast merger. Comcast is already big enough w/ no completion in our area and prices going out of sight. We do not need any more big monopolies. Thank you,

Moritz Keller Rio Vista, CA .Please do not allow the merger!

Kenneth Gee Hillsborough, CA .Please do NOT allow the merger of Time Warner and Comcast. The rates that Comcast charges is already very, very high. Eliminating competition in the marketplace would further drive up already unaffordable prices and foster poor service as well. Jaime Schvartzman Laguna Beach, CA .Please DO NOT allow the merger of Comcast with Time Warner. We need more competition and less super-dominance of markets which leave the consumers with less and less choice and the industry with less competition for better services and better prices. Karen Kulick Norco, CA .Please do not allow the merger of Comcast with Time Warner Cable. We need more choices, not fewer. And to put all our cable eggs in one basket is a terrible idea. Please keep them as separate companies. Craig Johnson San Francisco, CA

.Please do not allow the merger of Comcast with Time Warner Cable. I feel that I am already seeing excessive pricing and eroding access with the current overconcentration of media power, and I would expect even more concentration to only make things worse.

Brian Keeney Tracy, CA .Please do not allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner! Myre Nicholas Santa Barbara, CA .please do not allow the merger of Comcast and Time warner cable. They already have too much power over the electronic content of our lives. We're counting on you to come to our rescue.

Judy Agid

Sacramento, CA

.Please do not allow the merger between Time Warner and Comcast. I believe it would be a big mistake as there are enough problems with comcast service and its domination of the cable market. Jack Garcia San Francisco, CA

.Please DO NOT allow the merger between Comcast and Time Warner. As a student my school work is done online and I can not afford to pay additional fees for poor service or because I'm using more bandwidth. This is completely wrong to allow an already large corporation purchase another large corporation to dominate the communication lines. You must not allow this to happen. Darla Trapp San Diego, CA

.please do not allow the merger between Comcast and Time Warner. We already have too many large corporations who have no moral or social responsibility (contrary to their advertisements),

# **Terry Prentice**

La Verne, CA

.Please do not allow the merger between Comcast and Time Warner in this state. This merger is totally against the best interests in the persons living in this state. I have Time Warner for internet and if there was another provider, I would switch in a heartbeat. The internet or cable is down frequently, and they lose your customer preferences and try to bill you late charges when they "lose" your payment information with little advance notice. Comcast has been rated as worse than Time Warner in customer service. There are numerous horror stories about customers trying to deal with Comcast. We need better internet service, not worse. When it comes to cable for TV there are other choices, and I use DirecTV and would never consider using Time Warner for TV or phone service as they are not reliable in my

Lisa Babilonia

La Mirada, CA

.Please do not allow the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger. It would create a monopoly in the business. Nothing here benefits the consumers or protects consumers' right to choice in such service providers. Gia Bugni

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Visalia, CA
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.Please do not allow the Comcast/Time Warner merger. We already suffer from poor options, high fees and prices, and poor service. This merger would limit our choices even further. This merger is NOT in the best interest of the customer!

Elaine Sager

Lodi, CA

.Please do not allow the Comcast/Time Warner merger. It would create too powerful a company, one that would have little concern for the needs of the individual customers. Mergers always hurt the individual customer in terms of service and cost. jim zeko Martinez, CA .Please do not allow the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Customers lose. Robert Hernandez Clovis, CA .please do not allow the Comcast Time Warner merger. Too much power will provide further limitations for Californians and increased costs. Thank you. steve hussey

Rancho Cordova, CA

.Please do not allow the Comcast Time Warner Merger! It will only hurt the Consumer in the end. Rates will go up and service will go down as usual when big Companies merge.

#### Gerald Helman

Sacramento, CA

.Please do not allow the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Comcast already has been rapidly raising their customers fees to all time highs. There needs to be more competition, not less because of Comcast dominating services. The public should not have to suffer paying excessively high fees for internet and phone service. Please act to stop Comcast from gaining more control of the market which most likely would lead to higher fees.

Deborah Britt

Manteca, CA

.Please do NOT allow the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger to give one company too much control of services California citizens depend on. Comcast is already impossible to deal with.

#### Kate McDonald

# Davis, CA

.please do not allow the Comcast merger. Their service is so expensive that I don't know how out people afford it. I called about getting my monthly charge reduced and the only way they would do it is if I accepted a landline phone. Why couldn't they just lower my regular bill \$20 per month? We pay for fast internet service, but I don't think we get it.

Lisa Henry Mission Viejo, CA .Please do not allow the Comcast / Time Warner. Thank you! Scott Nuanes Phillips Ranch, CA .Please do not allow Comcast to use takeover bid for Times Warner. TV, broadband, and phone bills are way too high as it is and eliminating competition is not the way to help alleviate this. Markus Hunt Dublin, CA .PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW COMCAST TO TAKE OVER!! THEY OFFER NO SERVICES THAT ARE ECONOMICAL NOR USEFUL FOR US CITIZENS!!!! SINCERLEY

# Mary Phillips

Redding, CA

.Please do not allow Comcast to take over Time Warner. Comcast is notorious for bad service, and Californians deserve better. You are our bastion against monopolies, such as this would be. Please use your power to prevent a Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. We Californians need your protection in this matter. Thank you for your time and attention.

Mae Fisk Rohnert Park, CA .PLEASE do not allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable. I can barely pay for the lousy service I'm receiving now!!!!

Richard Ader Monterey, CA .Please do not allow Comcast to have even greater monopolistic pricing power than it does now. Or force them to allow other service providers to use their cables for service.

Stephen Fugita San Jose, CA .Please do not allow Comcast to dominate the cable market. julianne jensen daly city, CA .Please do not allow Comcast to dominate the cable market because consumers will LOSE. Nathaniel Greengard Los Angeles, CA .Please do not allow Comcast to buy Time Warner! This merger will cause consumer prices to go up and service to be worse. You owe it to consumers to BLOCK THIS MERGER!!

Leland Knisley Salinas, CA .Please do not allow Comcast and Time Warner to merge.One company should not be allowed to control cable price in California.

# J Cabrol

Wilseyville, CA

.Please do not allow Comcast and Time Warner merge. This would be horrible for Californians and one step closer to a monopoly of the cable TV industry. Service that come from Comcast is already pathetic an expensive and without the competition of Time Warner I would imagine that service would only get worse and Comcast would be free to jack up their prices even further. Please do not let this merger happen, Jaysin.

#### betty hines

Lompoc, CA

.Please do not allow comcast and other comapanies to merge. I woulkd like to choose from a variety of companie. \Programs that I like to watch without my rates for programming going up everytime these companies feel they want to change programs. Especialy now,America needs competition from other companies to keep the economy going to keep people working. Thank you and have a happy thanksgiving.

Louise Detwiler San Jose, CA .Please do not allow Comcast take over Time-Warner Cable N.Lance Hailstone Costa Mesa, CA .Please do not allow another giant corporation to grow any larger.It is not good to let "weeds" continue to grow in our garden.

Sherrin Farley Lafayette, CA .Please DO NOT allow a merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable!

Maredith Pratt Palmdale, CA .Please deny this request for a merger. We need more choices for Internet and TV access, not less. John Hofstetter Murphys, CA .Please deny the merger of Comcast with Time Warner. The service provided by the cable giants is bad enough already and with the merger there would be less competition.

# Janice Hubbell

#### Solvang, CA

.please deny Comcast's proposed merger with Time-Warner cable. Time-Warner has clearly shown that it does not have consumers best interests at heart through its debacle "negotiating" Dodgers programming (& Im not even a Dodgers fan!). Both companies already overcharge, require purchase of a lot channels I don't watch to get the ones I do, and sometimes have extremely poor service (although my last service call with Comcast went well). Just like kids, if you put two bad actors together, you get more than twice the trouble. Prices are likely to rise and quality is likely to drop if you allow these two companies to merge. Instead, you should be considering ways to open cable networks to ALL cable companies to increase competition and encourage improved service, as well as allowing 

Vera Hilsenrath Stockton, CA .Please deny Comcast's bid to merge with Time Warner Cable. David Russell Rocklin, CA .Please decide with us to keep America free. There is no healthy competition without competitors! No merger! John Emerson Indian Wells, CA

.Please decide against the merger between Comcast and Time Warner. It's bad enough as it is. If you would like a personal experience to help you make your decision, please call Time Warner and see how long and how many different steps you must take to get a representative!

Carl and Bonnie Schulkin Laguna Niguel, CA .Please continue to protect consumers by saying no to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Linda Frantzell Sunnyvale, CA .please by no means allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable. It will spell disaster for consumers-even higher monthly rates, and worse already dismal service.... Sincerely, Linda Frantzell

Eric Lehmann Santa Barbara, CA .please block this merger. We did not need any monopolies on information in California or any other state.also we need competition in services to ensure that rates remain normal for normal people.

carl maxwell Long Beach, CA .please block this merger Peter Eggena Glendale, CA .Please block the merger and let us maintain our choices. P.Eggena,, PhD

Jon Senour San Diego, CA .Please block Comcast's bid to take over Time Warner!

Vicky VanValkenburg San Lorenzo, CA .Please block Comcast's bid to take over Time Warner Cable. We are fed up with the high prices and lousy service we are getting now and we need more competition among broadband providers, not less.

Judith Hagstrom Nipomo, CA .Please block Comcast's bid to take over Time Warner Cable - don't allow such a large company to overwhelm us with higher prices and poorer service!!

Mara Constantine Berkeley, CA .Please block Comcast's bid to take over Time Warner Cable Ronald Hamamjian Hayward, CA .Please be rational. The Comcast merger is lunacy. Please deny it. We don't need another mega-monster having its way, unfettered.

### Rev. William LOWE

Camarillo, CA

.Please avoid the Comcast & Time Warner merger. I have no confidence in either corporation, because their practices to date have failed their customers. Senior citizens and the less fortunate will be shut out of this connection to the world, because of cost and bad service.

#### Mike Moralez

Chino Hills, CA

.Please allow REAL competition in these markets and not allow these big MEGA companies to exist . It is your job to REGULATE these companies so that consumers get CHOICES in the marketplace.

# Marilyn Burke

San Francisco, CA

.Please allow competition in internet and cable in northern California as we are at mercy of Comcast and have no recourse to pursue other options even though we are dissastisfied with both servive and price.

# Pam mAKIN



.Please add my voice to those opposed to Comcast's proposed take-over of Time Warner Cable. Comcast is my cable company and they are just not reliable. High temps, wind, cold will cause me to lose stations. Plus they raised the rates 9.5% in '10,'11,'12.'13 and 6% in '14 on their bottom-of-the-line "Limited Basic" service. So I vote "NO" on the proposed take-over because of lousy service, high prices, and limiting the consumers choice.

# RODNEY MELGARD Pinole, CA .PLEASE ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CONSUMER NOT THE HUGE COMPANIES THAT WANT TO MONOPOLIZE TO ELIMINATE COMPETITION. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THIS MERGER EXCEPT FOR THE OWNERS OF THE LARGE COMPANIES.

Andrew Bobroff

Valley Center, CA

.Please act in the interests of the residents of California and block the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Competition is good and this scheme is anti-competition. The US lags behind Europe and Asia in bandwidth and cost of internet service. Don't make it even worse. Use your power to serve the people, not corporations who do not have our best interests at heart. Thank you. We trust you. William Boosinger Willits, CA .Please act in the best interests of the citizens of California and do not allow the merger of Comcast with Time Warner Cable. Thank you.

Mary Ng San Jose, CA .Please :"No " t comcast time warner cable merger

Bonaventure Ogbodu Sylmar, CA .Please ,don't let these 2 giant greedy business organization exploit U.S consumers with their economic plans. where is the consumers protection rights? Elaine de Wet Claremont, CA .Please , no monopoly in California. These companies are always talking about competition as the basis of enterprise, yet they want to control it all and take out competition. They cannot have it both ways. Let us have our own choice.

Ellen Sturm Lafayette, CA .Please prohibit Comcast from giving us fewer options and giving them greater control, thus raising our already high prices. Thank you, Michael Lamperd

San Francisco, CA

.Please - Comcast has treated me like leprosy! I have had so many service issues with Comcast that I cannot count them. I gave up and was given a really bad time trying to even terminate my service. Don't give them more power! Stop the merger! Ramona Uyeda Hayward, CA .Please block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. Joey Deleon South Gate, CA .Pleas do not this merger go through. Do not let the cable providers be another oil cartel.

Susan Cartwright Aptos, CA .play fair! Irwin Pincus Encino, CA .Plain and simple, the mega merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable is NOT in my best interest. Both firms continue to hike their rates and give poor service. Comcast's dominance in California will only make things WORSE. PLEASE reject this merger.

#### Ann Zahner

La Jolla, CA

.People will be watching what you do in this issue. It's important to consumers that the California Public Utilities Commission act in the interest of ordinary citizens. Often the commissioners appear to be too chummy with the groups they regulate. The public has not been well-served. As a result, you lose our trust and support. Do the right thing! Pamela Myers

### San Diego, CA

Past history has shown that in the free market system, competition is the driver of improved products and better customer service. Monopolies, on the other hand, while great for the companies' bottom line, is terrible for their customers. Case in point, look at the airlines. Less competition, higher prices, worse customer services. Claire Robbins Eureka, CA .Oversized power is destructive to the good of all. You know this. Please stop this merger. John W. Olver Pacific Grove, CA

.Over the past few years fewer and fewer corporations have gained control of the pathways by which Americans receive information. This not only concentrates profit into ever fewer hands but focuses the control of what information sees the light of day into fewer and fewer hands. Giving control of information to a very small committee of very wealthy individuals is a terrible idea. Please say "No!" to Comcast's grab for power and profit. That corporation already makes plenty of profit and wields more than enough power.

William Josephs Encino, CA .Over many years I have never read or heard a good word about Comcast. Nava Shaham Piedmont, CA .ourinternet didn't work. So we called my provider and the phone was busy for several hours before I gave up. Don't give Comcast the power.

#### Robert Dahlstet

Santa Rosa, CA

Our system of democracy and capitalism benefits all in our society when there is fair competition. It fails when we allow monopolies and an oligarchy to control the system. Americans already are disadvantaged by a trend toward the latter, and in this case already pay exorbitantly high prices for mediocre Internet connections for what has become a necessary utility. This merger would constitute yet another step in the wrong direction. I urge you to block it, for the good of society.

Cynthia Hoppenfeld Rosin

Los Angeles, CA

.Our service from Time Warner is terrible. Don't allow a merger that will give this company with a poor service record more market dominance and decrease even further its desire to serve customers instead of just getting monthly fees from customers.. Kathleen Greene Concord, CA .Our media is already too big and regulation too lax. Neither represent a healthy and helpful culture for our nation. Susan Christopher Laguna Woods, CA .our internet needs to stay clear of takeovers like this from the cabal. Look what they've done to traditional media! It's just one fear flag after another! We're tired of being jerked around!

Charlie Dunn Chico, CA .Our family is adamantly opposed to the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Please block it joanna economakos Costa Mesa,, CA .Our country is based on competition; what is the matter with politicians that they do not recognize monopoly anymore????????? Where are the laws????????

Liz Amsden Los Angeles, CA

.Our country has recognized the danger of monopolies in the past - just because it is 2014 instead of 1890 or 1950, does it make this practice any less beneficial to the PUBLIC - which you are supposed to PROTECT Irwin Bernhardt Sunnyvale, CA .Our bills are too high right now. Competition leads to lower bills. Rev Gregory Yaroslow Redlands, CA .Oppose the Comcast/TWC merger -- it's unfair to consumers! Brandall Suyenobu North Hills, CA .Open, free communication and fair competition in consumer markets are bedrocks that make America work. Please do not allow the Comcast takeover of Time Warner Cable - it's a bad deal all the way around.

### Karen Rice

San Jose, CA

.Only you have the power to stop Comcast's takeover of Time Warner Cable, and with it, most of California's cable and Internet market! Please do NOT allow this mega merger. It's bad for the citizens.

# **Betty Haines**

Hemet, CA

.Only having one company , not giving you a choice used to be against the law. now we are turning in to being just like Germany during Hitler term. They can control the people if they can control what they want you to know. Sounds like Obama is getting ready to make his move to change America as he said he would.If he can control the airways you will only know what he wants you too.

William Scheid Gilroy, CA .One of the key drivers of our democracy is competition. Allowing the merger to take place puts too much power in the hands of one cable company. A consumer who lives in the most populated areas of the state would have no choice if they choose cable to buy from the merged company. Please block the merger in CA!

Marcia Liss San Diego, CA .One company setting prices does not serve the public interest. Peggy Olsen Monterey, CA .One cable company should not control the air waves! Comcast has high prices and poor service.

Bruce Spallino

Anaheim, CA

.Oligopolies and monopolies in the media and telecommunications industry is not good for competition! What more needs to be said! We need to again break up these too big to fail corporations! We must not allow them to control us, denying us choices! Spending a hundred or more dollars a month for TV and internet that is slower than other nations provide per month is insane! Are Democrats willing to screw us in California? Will Republicans bow to the power of the lobby money, while ignoring the needs of competition? Stop the insanity! second TV. Upon completing the rearrangement, I tried the TV and found I needed to contact Comcast in order to have them reset my TV. When telling the technician what I did, he scolded me for unplugging the Comcast box. I asked he reset my TV which he did after giving me a bad time for unplugging HIS box. This is an example of their really bad customer relations. Service where the picture freezes several times a night has gotten worse the last 3 months. If they are having difficulties getting me a good picture consistently, how do they believe they can do a good job after the merger. Pricing for my service always seems too high for the issues they present.

.One afternoon I rearranged our upstairs bedroom. Doing this required I unplug the Comcast box for my

Robert Cronbach Santa Rosa, CA .Oh Hell No

Charles Habib San Jose, CA

Pete Keay Pleasant Hill, CA .Of all the possible options open to the people of California this is undeniably the worst and should not be allowed to go forward.

Kathleen Bungarz Walnut Creek, CA .Now it is time for you to do a good action, instead of the other kind that you are being known for in this state. Lori and Bob Warmington Corona Del Mar, CA .Nothing is helped by creating monopolies within California or any other state. This is a pivotal decision that you are making and one that will push prices higher for the general viewing public. Stop this before it can happen in California! The viewing public deserves better services through the open market and personal choices.

Norman Cavior Walnut Creek, CA .Nothing approaching a monopoly on communications in our country.

Clement Michel San Luis Obispo, CA .Not only will Comcast gain all of Time Warner territory, but they will trade some areas with Charter, including San Luis Obispo County, to produce greater contiguous a areas.

deanna kuhn Vista, CA .not only no but H LL NO!!!!

deanna kuhn Vista, CA .not only no but H LL NO!!!! Fernando Periera Culver City, CA .Not only is this merger anti-competitive to the marketplace, it places too much power within the whole of the entertainment industry in the hands of one company. Hence, this deal is monopolistic and antithetical to our California way of life. Reject this deal vehemently in the public interest. Adrian Tafolla San Bernardino, CA .Not only is this a bad merger that monopolizes the cable industry even further than it already is, it will also limit the creative programming choices that are available to it's customers and those that work within the entertainment industry as well.

Stephen Frantz Woodland Hills, CA .NOT NOW, NOT EVER!

William Muncie Vista, CA .Not a good thing Irv Reisman Anaheim, CA .Not a good idea.

Elaine Wilson Torrance, CA .Nooooo No NOOOOO to any merger of Comcast Cable services with Time Warner. Whatever happened to CPU protecting open markets against monopolies!!!

Heidi Guillermo Salinas, CA .Noone should be stuck with no choices when both the options don't give excellent service. Carole Hodgerson Jurupa Valley, CA .NoNoNo to Comcast! Jeanette Kennedy Paol Alto, CA .None of the cable co. have price controls and continue to limit their selection's while increasing costs. Consolidating into fewer providers will make the situation more expensive for consumers.

Sarala Rao Los Altos Hills, CA .No; not interested. We have a good service the way things are now. No merger is necessary or required! Sarala Rao.

Selina Pierce Willits, CA .no. to Comcast business

Bill Wall

Visalia, CA

.NO. NO, and NO! Comcast is too big already! Do not allow them to get any bigger. Any more acquisitions decreases competition and raises prices for consumers.

Mark Freeman San Francisco, CA

.No, please. No no no! Concentration of media power is not good for users, and can easily lead to abuses such as censorship, price-gouging, elimination of new start-up ideas. Luckily, we in California have the PUC to stand up for consumers' rights. Thank you for stopping this terrible merger idea here and now. Linda Medeiros Cloverdale, CA .no, no, no. If you don't know why, you should Dr John A Graham Albany, CA .No, No, No, No!!!!

#### K. Christensen

Baldwin Park, CA .NO, NO, NO! Do not remove the competition! It is hideous as is now. We were without phone/internet for a week in an area dominated by people of color. Verizon just "didn't get to it" and didn't plain care. When we called ATT to check on their prices, we were switched during the SAME PHONE CALL to Verizon who told us we were their customer. Yes, you read this correctly. :( Marge Rudman Long Beach, CA

.no, NO, NO Already we've been deprived of access to the Dodgers, Lakers and much of UCLA's games and this is only getting worse! Please do NOT empower Comcast's takeover of our T.V. access which is certain to decrease the quality of our service and increase the costs. If this keeps up, we may as well abandon our sets for the computer screens.

Jill Bendall San Diego, CA .NO, NO, and NO!!! Robert Hornauer Twain Harte, CA

.No, absolutely not, to the merger because Comcast has already demonstrated how greedy it is by closing its Sonora service office and moving it to Modesto, an hour and a half drive from here. They have also moved some of their technical services off-shore taking away jobs in the US. John Hydar Ventura, CA .NO, a thousand times, NO to this merger. It would be anti-competitive and leave cable users at the mercy of a predatory company.

Les Wolseth Guerneville, CA .NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Too muvh money already for cable

Mark Bush Rancho Cucamonga, CA .NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Howard Miller Lakeport, CA .NO!!!!!!!!! to COMCAST TIME WARNER CABLE merger. What part of NO don't you understand?

Becky Bottolfson Westminster, CA .NO!!!!!! Jane Masterson Morro Bay, CA .NO!! To the Dicttatorship of Comcast!!! Hundreds of thousand of Americans have died and wear wonder for life FIGHTING for our Domocracy! Dennis Ledden Fiddletown, CA .NO! Not now. Never Linda Dragavon San Francisco, CA .NO!

vincent weis Sacramento, CA .NO WAY. Robert Quarrick Benicia, CA .NO WAY!!

Linda Duddy Chino Hills, CA .No way! Seniors are cast out of the loop, the world because they can't keep up with all the prices, phone, cell phone, internet, TV and poor people are left out also, you never know what little kid out there can do such good for the world, but being stopped because they can't get all the technology.

michael mccormick Oceanside, CA .No way Marie Maschal Santa Barbara, CA .No to this merger. Friends who have Comcast do nothing but complain about service, even the fact that Comcast lies to its customers about what they do or don't do. Do not allow this merger, it would not benefit me and it would seriously impact services and costs. Stop it now!

Bonnie Wanderer Danville, CA .No to this merger! Nickel & dimed to death and then the prospect of little or no competition? We don't need the proposed mega merger in California.

Hiram Matos Chula Vista, CA .No to this merge. Daniel Knisely Camarillo, CA .No to the Time Warner/Com Cast merger our service is bad as it is !!!

Joann Seaver Walnut Creek, CA .no to the proposed merger. Service is already overpriced. More, not fewer options, are called for. Alysanne McGaffey Pacifica, CA

No to the merger. This sort of business plan has become a virus in our economy. Way too big to give decent, affordable service to the public. No to this merger. Service and costs will only become worse, not better. Scientifically proved. William Pappas

Palmdale, CA

.No to the merger. It reduces choices. And, I want a la carte cable channel purchases as I'm considering doing without cable. Last night, I realized that I'm subsidizing an Armenian channel showing a Spanish language version of a movie. I don't want that.

Barbara Temkin Culver City, CA .No to the merger!!!!!

Richard Bancroft Lakewood, CA .no to the merger! No more monopolies, with bad service for the customers! Anthony Burton Sylmar, CA .no to the merger! Consumers will suffer with higher prices because of less competition! This merger is bad for everyone!

KUFLOM GHIORGHIS Los Angeles, CA .No to the merge of Comcast and Time Warner **Orill Fountain** 

#### Pittsburg, CA

.No to the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger. It would create more of a monster than we have now! Please stop this madness. Consumer Reports magazine gave Comcast low ratings across the board and they were right. I previously paid over \$100 a month for their lowest priced TV combined with internet so I discontinued the TV and kept the internet. Now, I pay \$66.95, almost \$70 per month, just for the internet and they keep raising their fees at least every 2 years. In 2004, I paid \$40 a month for TV and internet. I suspect that the rapid increase in service fees is to keep their fat cat executives rolling in the money. They can go to hell! A merger with Time Warner would only make it worse since they would have almost a monopoly of the industry. No meaningful competition would surely Charles Sorenson Los Alamitos, CA .No to the Comcast Time Warner merger! There is no significant competition cable/broadband in California. The same is true for wireless. the only benefit would be to consolidate poor customer service.

Nadine Chudacoff Canoga Park, CA .No to the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger. There to big already. And the will have more problems like I believe it was Time Warner/Dodger games this year.

Scott Verastegui San Diego, CA .NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger!!!! Terry Wilson Alpine, CA .No to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger !!!

Lawrence Walker Torrance, CA .No to the Comcast merger. WE need more choices not less.

Sharon Bergg Long Beach, CA .nO to the Comcast merger. Rick Arceo Anaheim, CA .No to more monopolies, corporate greed , and endless writeoffs.

Dana Westphal Concord, CA .No to monopolizing our options!

judith burch San Pedro, CA .No to monopolies!!!! Takes away incentive to tell the truth that hurts their precious corporations.

John Clarke San Francisco, CA .NO to monopolies!!!!

George Klenk Claremont, CA .No to monopolies and mergers that control the markets Madeleine Barney Lincoln, CA .no to monopolies Ken Nelsen Loomis, CA .No to merger....Two wrongs do not make a right!!!! Joe Sui Foster city, CA .no to higher prices already too high

Elizabeth Cole (MD) Burlingame, CA .NO to ComcastTime warner CAble merger Stanford Tabb Los Angeles, CA .NO TO COMCAST...THIS PROPOSED MERGER WOULD DO ME NO GOOD. I AM JUST A REGULAR CONSUMER. TO MUCH POWER IN ONE ENTITY

sabrina o san francisco, CA .No to comcast. Please Jeanne Exworthy San Juan Capistrano, CA .No to Comcast. Having friends in other states where Comcast exists, the Service, both human and computer, is very undesirable. Or lousy is another word! Minda Smith Fresno, CA .No to Comcast. Jonas Waxman Oakland, CA .No to comcast.

Barbara Brodsky San Francisco, CA .NO to Comcast, yes to net neutrality

Jon Tornay San Jose, CA .NO TO COMCAST!!!!!!

# shane kroll

#### San Francisco, CA

.No to Comcast! I use to have an account with them. Until I was fed up with dropped Internet service every month for hours with out any information as to an eta. I work from home and my job depends on having internet accuse. I would loss money on days they we would set up appointment having me wait in a three to five hr window almost every 4 months. Only to be told my router box keep breaking thus having to replace it at my expense. I finally decided this wasn't worth it and cut my account. Now I just go to a coffee shop or the library to use the Internet. Thanks for nothing Comcast.

Martin Washington Berkeley, CA .NO TO COMCAST!

# Rich Peter

Winnetka, CA

.NO to Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. I and my family do not want it to go through. We need more individual companies providing services, not less. More companies providing services means a check and balance, greater honesty between competition. NO to Comcast Warner Cable merger Joan Sammons Hayward, CA .NO to Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Comcast is the worse. No 1 cable company should be able to do this.

Marie Van Vooren Long Beach, CA .No to Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Steve clarke Playa Del Rey, CA .No to Comcast They are the worst patricia rom Berkeley, CA .No to Comcast take-over of Time Warner!! We need competition! Helene Davis Long Beach, CA .No to Comcast merger. The Californian consumer needs a vital and competitive market for these services.

Sarah Lampland Aptos, CA .No to Comcast merger. Satish Raval Hayward, CA .No to Comcast merger with Time Warner

George and Mary Fricker Burbank, CA .No to Comcast domination

Michael Lichtner Inglewood, CA .NO to comast time Warner cable merger Elsie Bender Freedom, CA .No to any more MEGA mergers....they are unfair to the people and only care about making the big bucks and lining their own pockets!

tim koerber Sylmar, CA .No thanks!

Robert & Elizabeth Caraway Woodland Hills, CA .No thanks to the merger! PLEASE!!! MaryJaye Simms Sunland, CA .no thanks

Terrence Sherry Huntington Beach, CA .No thank you Susan and Max Neufeldt Santa Barbara, CA .No single communications organization should be able to dominate our whole state. We are inalterably opposed to allowing Cmcast to take over. Please prevent this.
# ELVIN MARNE

Moorpark, CA

.No one wants a monopoly. This would create one. It would kill competition. Consumers will be the losers and the cable giant would be the winner. Stop this merger. Beatrice Charlton Atwater, CA

.No one utility should be allowed to control the market and personal usages of a whole region. Public usage should be allowed to find their own niches and free market availability.

Donald Carper Fair Oaks, CA .No one could believe this a good idea who truly believes in competition. The merger would lower motivation to provide good service for a company that already is notorious for treating users of their service poorly.

### L Stirling

Escondido, CA

.No one corporation should have complete control over a service provided for a majority of the state. With no competition, Comcast would have no reason to keep their rates reasonable. They would have a complete monopoly on cable and Internet, giving them more power to effect rules and regulations to their benefit. Consumers would lose their right to choose between service providers to find the best one for them. Lack of competition is never a good thing for the individual.

Mary Ellis Los Osos, CA .No one company should have the monopoly on any business. Elaine Larson

Petaluma, CA

.No one company should be allowed to dominate any one, definitely not multiple media channels anywhere. This paves the way for unlimited propaganda by the few who control the corporation. Jeffry A. Child San Diego, CA .No on merger!!!!!! Pat Thompson Roseville, CA .NO on merger!

Anne Irvine Glendora, CA .NO NO NO. HAVE TOO MANY FRIENDS IN OTHER STY THAT REALIZED TOO LATE EXACTY HOW YOU TREATED YOUR CUSTOMERS. UNBELIEVABLY DISGUSTING

robert keenan Mission Viejo, CA .NO NO NO!!! We don't want Comcast to bring it's poor service and lower the bar of what is acceptable for cable service.

Hal Forsen San Clemente, CA .NO NO NO NO NO RON VALENZUELA PALM DESERT, CA .NO NO NO MERGER.... Cristine Ruiz Baldwin park, CA .NO NO NO AND NO Ruth Ungar Oakland, CA .no no no

jim riksheim Berkeley, CA .NO NO NO MICHAEL MCCARTY Camarillo, CA .NO NO

Mark Dempsey Orangevale, CA .No need to award the winner of the worst customer service award (The "Golden Poo"). Even more important: Internet service should be a common carrier. No reason we can't have service as good as the Europeans or Koreans (and at half the price). So let's not reward and enhance oligopoly either

linda byrum

Santa Cruz, CA

.No more of Comcast chaotic control suited for their bank account and nothing else - No merger with Time Warner. No more of Comcast's cannibalism of consumers of the internet. Shane kroll san Francisco, CA .No more monopoly of Comcast Robert Krueger Grass Valley, CA .No more monopolies. We are already living in a plutocracy. not a democracy, I prefer to live in a democratic country, not one run by corporations. Stop the rule by corporations of the United States of America!

Richard Leming Yuba City, CA .no more monopolies. Sincerely Richard Leming 680 windward Way Yuba city,ca 95991

Fred & Sara Krauthamer Monterey Park, CA .NO MORE MERGERS. NO TO COMCAST.

Jewell Stindt Long Beach, CA .No more mergers, please. Can you think of any that have: 1) improved service, and 2) reduced costs to consumers Bertram Goldstein Rancho Palos Verdes, CA .No more mergers! Television service provision is particularly vulnerable to increased costs and manipulated services. Josephine Baberini Jamestown, CA .no more mergers Berkly Miller El Cajon, CA .No more corporate giants ripping us off!

Thomas Cardona Santa Monica, CA .No monopoly...OUTCAST COMCAST! John McCarthy Manhattan Beach, CA .No Monopoly, It's UNAmerican

Warren Swanson Redding, CA .No monopoly please!! Bill Khan Glendale, CA .No monopoly pjease. Ler's do the right thing. LYNN UNGER Huntington Beach, CA .No monopoly in California! Jason Fish Manteca, CA .No Monopolies...

Dean Endress West Hills, CA .No Monopolies , None at all. Chester E Atkins II Eureka, CA .No monopolies

Laurie McLaughlin San Diego, CA .No mergers! Competition is essential!!! Amy VAN SCHIJNDEL San Diego, CA .No mergers unless it is for the sake of kindness and humanity and NOT GREED. eh estes Mountain View, CA .No merger. Period. Jose hernandez Napa, CA .No merger, we deserve choices that serve the public good first!

Stan Schwartz Los Angeles, CA .NO MERGER, PLEASE! John Scott Butte Valley, CA .No Merger!!!!!

Joseph Cancilla Newbury Park, CA .NO merger! We need choice and leverage. Phillip Bobo Rancho Cucamonga, CA .No Merger! Paul Hersh Seaside, CA .No merger! Michael Lorden Sacramento, CA .No merger!

melissa miller Pleasant Hill, CA .no merger! Walter Mills Dublin, CA .No merger with Time Warner!

JoAnn Gerfen Santa Maria, CA .No Merger Please! We pay more than enough already--We have no choice of providers!

David Turner Orinda, CA .no merger for comcast. They are already too big John Meszaros Forest Knolls, CA .no merger !! Judith Abbott Rohnert Park, CA .No mega-mergers! What happened to fair markets?

Pieter Roell San Francisco, CA .NO Marxist monopolies for comcast in California - the device is aa cavalier as can be and the costs keep rising. Sincerely, P.J.H.Roell 468 Valley St. SanFrancisco, 94131 Samantha Hauptman

Canyon Country, CA

.No is the only answer with Comcast Time Warner Cable. Since when is one huge company ever going to serve the public for the good. Each time we lose a choice in who is to provide our services It always costs the public. It's time to admit there are too many little people Poor people and seniors living on a fixed income. Stop choking is to death with thee selfish mergers.

george stoll los gatos, CA .No I do not want to see this merger. What happened to diversity not mega corporation rule?

Easter Noda Beverly Hills, CA .No do not allow this to happen! Parker Larry Ukiah, CA .NO competition is just stupid. Do we want to go back lousy service ?

William Webster Oroville, CA .No company should control California's market.

Raleigh Winter Westminster, CA .No company should be allowed to have this much control! Margaret Baxter So.san francisco, CA .No company should be allowed to get so big that it controles the market . They can charge what ever they want and the people is screwed.

Enrique Moran Turlock, CA .NO COMCAST....! Shelley Butler Chatsworth, CA .NO COMCAST!! Scott Sobol Los Angeles, CA .NO COMCAST! caroline lembeck beverly hills, CA .No comcast Time Warner merger1

Richard Fletcher Camino, CA .No Comcast Time Warner Cable merger Please!!! Samantha Turner Knightsen, CA .NO COMCAST TAKEOVER!!!! I DO NOT NOR HAVE I ANY INTENTION OF SUBSCRIBING TO THEM EVER!!!!! NO MONOPOLIZING ALLOWED! IT IS A CRIMINAL CAPITALIST TAKEOVER THEY SRE ATTEMPTING ! STOP THEM NOW!

Bettie Kieffer Granada Hills, CA .No Comcast merger. It is not good for California. Sincerely, Bettie Kieffer 12521 Jolette Ave Granada Hills, CA 91344-1660

dennis b city, CA .NO Comcast merger !!!!! MARGOT KAMENS Whittier, CA .NO Comcast in California judith christopher Redlands, CA .no co. should dominate this or anything else

Aene Hansen Kentfield, CA .No choices! Do not think monopoly is Wise choice! Only one to benefit would be Comcast , not John q public! Net should be neutral, same speed for all customers!!!

Peter Lundberg Oakland, CA .No choice is BAD for consumers. But consumers are helpless against the money payoffs to elected officials and appointed officials such as PUC members.

Margaret Nordstrom Fresno, CA .No cable monopolys, please! It is a bad deal for consumers. Help the consumer. No merger please! M.F. Johnson San Carlos, CA .no cable monopolies please. I can't afford cable as it exists now, and watch TV over the air (OTA). Currently I'm watching the Retro channel which just showed

I'm watching the Retro channel, which just showed Dr.Who, and is now showing Naked City (b&w). If you give a monopoly to those two cable cos. what'll be left to see OTA. Remember those of use who can't afford cable as it is now!! (Regulate the fees, like telephone service.) A senior citizen with no extra momey. Fred Mauck Palm Desert, CA .No cable company should control virtually all of California. Please reject Comcast's takeover plan.

Eugene M O'Connor Escondido, CA .No ...more choices not less choices

Gail Noon San Pedro, CA .NO !.....Comcast Time Warner Cable merger ! Gail Noon 642 West 40th St. San Pedro, CA 90731-7149

Todd Peterson Long Beach, CA .NO !!!!!

frances swift Rodeo, CA .NO ! NO ! and NO!!!!! Janine Rands San Luis Obispo, CA .NO - we don't want to have Comcast control our utilities! Jacki Fox Ruby Berkeley, CA .No - No one size (and a big one) fits the market place. No to a merger.

David Lewin Huntington Beach, CA .No It's a bad deal for the consumer

MARGOT KAMENS WHITTIER, CA .NO COMCAST !!!! M H Los Angeles, CA .no

James Lipman Guerneville, CA .NO

antonio herrera Oxnard, CA .no jeri pazdernik irvine, CA .no

PJ Bresee Poway, CA .Never, never, never! helen wright dana point, CA .NO

Sid Waxman San Rafael, CA .Neither Comcast, nor AT&T currently provide anywhere near the quality of service they advertise. Imagine what can happen once Comcast increases its share of the current market by acquiring Time Warner (one of the worst network providers in the country). . As it is, they are doing a full-court press at the FCC to allow them to favor content providers who can afford to pay exorbitant fees tor the higher level of service while popular, but not high grossing content providers see a concomitant diminution of service. Please rule against Comcast (or for that matter AT&T)r while they are doing business here in California. and keep them from acquiring a competito. Thank You

Frank Powell Camarillo, CA .Neither Comcast nor Time Warner Cable have good customer service and cable bills have been going up. Allowing Comcast and Time Warner to merge will NOT HELP. I'm a Verizon customer but this merger will eliminate an option for me in the future if I try to change Internet and cable providers.

Sarah Murdoch Pacific Palisades, CA .N0 N0 N0

# June De Sena

#### Pacific Grove, CA

.My, my....years ago we allowed electricity, phone services, and heating companies to merge, all in the name of 'bringing less expensive services to the public' and all we have gotten is to pay more for all the services! Now this?????? As a senior, I am scared of all these rising costs. My income no longer gets raises, yet I have to pay more for the most limited services possible. Please don't allow this merger to happen.....at some point we have to stop making the buck talk and consider people! Thank you,

# Simona MacAngus

# Woodland, CA

.my request is simple. Deny Comcasts merger! It serves only corporate greed. It does NOT serve your constituents! You are a smart, educated and wise person with business acumen. A merger such as this will bring fewer choices, higher prices and less competition. How is any of this good for the people you serve? You can take a campaign contribution from the industry then vote AGAINST the good for your constituents. OR you can do the RIGHT thing and vote NO. You wear the hat - whose side are you on? What are you made of? I'm asking you to side with me - your constituent. Thanks very much!

ROBERT LOWERY Richmond, CA .MY POSITION IS THAT WE CALIFORNIAIAN WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY NOT PERMITTING MERGER OF COMCAST WITH WITH ANY OTHER CABLE COMPANY. i FOUND COMCAST SERVICE AND ETC. TO BE VERY POOR AS A PUBLIC UTILITY. NO COMPETITION IS BAD NEWS FOR CALIFORNIA.

Jeff Tepper San Carlos, CA .My personal experience is that Comcast service was poor and their prices among the highest. This just doesn't seem right.

alejandro issel Belmont, CA .my parents retirde are always getting their bill jacked up it is not right....a.i. heather wilber Santa Cruz, CA .My mother lives on a meager fixed income and cannot afford a higher cable bill! The rates keep going up! She said she will have to give up on cable TV if this continues! Please say NO to the merger!! Peter Levakis Canoga Park, CA .My mother has Comcast & I have Time Warner and a merge of the both of them would bring no relief to either of us. Just higher fees, less choice and channels forced on us we don't need or want.

sandy parbuey Concord, CA .My experiences with Comcast have been a nightmare. Please don't allow them to get bigger and more powerful.

#### Robert Zemore

Santa Rosa, CA

.My experience with Comcast is not good. Bad service, high prices, and no other options for high speed cable (not even that high speed compared to other countries). Giving them even more power by merging with Time Warner is not good for consumers. Don't let them merge! Duane J Marcroft San Carlos, CA .My experience with Comcast has been very poor and does not work in California...

Michael Megowan los angeles, CA .My earlier experience with Comcast indicates that the quality of service that I will receive will be reduced if they replace Time Warner Cable as my internet provider. Please deny the application for merger. Jim Conway Woodland Hills, CA

.My current service from Time Warner is terrible. They do not take responsibility for their actions. I think Time Warner is too big, and should be broken up. Merging with Comcast is a step in the wrong direction. When a company can screw up both the Super Bowl and the opening of the Winter Olympics in the same week, and then demand an increase in their monthly rate, they are too big. In the name of Customer Service please reject this merger! Beverly Saylor Foster City, CA .my comcast service has become worse, my bill higher. Comcast ignores the problem. Let them improve what they have now, without becoming larger. Richard Kilker Jr. Dublin, CA .My Comcast monthly rate is too high for what I get/want. If Comcast takes over Time/Warner I fear my choices for TV/internet will be greatly diminished. Please reject this merger in CA.

Joe Chan Oakland, CA .My Comcast is down a lot, they should not expand. Wayne Allbin Yountville, CA .My comcast is always turning off. I live on Social Security and can't afford to pay more to a monopoly.

Robert Foglesong Palo Alto, CA .My Comcast bill is already high, and I don't need more service. The only change I want is for Comcast to unbundle their channels.

#### Robert Palmer Clovis, CA

.My cable costs are ridiculously high, the key reason being there is no, literally no, competition. This merger will only make the situation worse. We should be making it easier for more cable companies to enter a market, not thinning out the number of cable companies. This merger is bad for the consumer!

#### ARNOLD PON

#### San Francisco, CA

.My 77 year old mom occasionally uses the internet for checking her email and watching certain shows, but not on a regular basis. Yet, her bill for having the basic subscription came out closed to \$90 a month and the price continue to go up whenever Comcast wants to raise it. There is no senior discounts or anything that Comcast have for senior citizen. This is a rip-off since everyone in the world have to hook up to the internet one way or another. Please prohibit any merger for Comcast.

Leslie Hemmings San Diego, CA .more monopoly is worse for consumers

Robert Lord San Jose, CA .More competition is needed and this merger will do nothing to increase competition and would result in a virtual monopoly.

Eric Schmall San Diego, CA .Monopoly laws used to protect us from moves like this. Let's pretend that they still should do so. Thank you.

Linda L Hill Goleta, CA .Monopoly is not what we need! James I. Steinberg Fresno, CA .Monopoly is never a good idea. Sharon Barrett Santa Rosa, CA .Monopoly corporations are bad news for consumers and leave us little choices in the market place. What happened to the open market idea and where is our democracy! Pat A. Farmer Santa Cruz, CA .Monopoly / Duopoly - there's not a whit of difference. The customers will still get screwed. There's no real choice for the people, either in the programming packages or price.

Susan Grieder Los Angeles, CA .Monopolizing of information outlets to the public is not only anti-free market, it is anti-democratic! Beverly Dir Valley Springs, CA .Monopolization by an industry always hurt customer choice and employees, but always benefits the corporation. Please do not allow the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Paloma Gaos San Francisco, CA .Monopolies start this way, competition is good for the customers Antonio Pierola Alhambra, CA .Monopolies should only be allowed on a boardgame. iI don't want consumers to be hostages the proposed Comcast-Time Warner merger. Robin Lindsey Boonville, CA .Monopolies seldom do good for the consumer. TV reception costs just keep climbing and are out of sight! Please stop this merger.

Susie Barton San Jose, CA .Monopolies only benefit one party, not the rate paying, voting public.

Emily Martin Santa Barbara, CA .Monopolies on Cable Service is not serving the public. Robert Dawson Irvine, CA .Monopolies of ANY industry has NOT been good for citizens/consumers. Please DO NOT Comcast merge with Time Warner.

patricia Carroll South San Francisco, CA .Monopolies never serve the public. Comcast must be stopped, greed is insatiable. Keep internet free. Kathryn Gray

Redding, CA

.Monopolies never benefit the consumer. As California's overseers on this issue I can't see how you could conclude that this merger could benefit anyone but Comcast, please protect the interests of the pubic. Thank you Ellen Fluhart

Caliente, CA

.Monopolies mean the price goes up and the quality of content and the service, which is dismal anyway, goes down. Please do not allow this merger which will further hurt consumers. Adrian Logsdon Santa Maria, CA .Monopolies like this merger of Time-Warner and Comcast are always an attack on the consumer with increased costs and lack of innovation. Comcast has already swallowed up television broadcast channels and is on it's way to try to dominate the entire communications market. This merger is absolutely a bad idea and is a combination in the restraint of trade. Deny this merger!

Warren Einolander Lompoc, CA .Monopolies help noone. Please reject the anticompetitive merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Robert Pedretti San Jose, CA .Monopolies have never benefited consumers. Greed and political power are not to be allowed with this type of merger.

Robert Pedretti San Jose, CA .Monopolies have never benefited consumers. Greed and political power are not to be allowed with this type of merger. Carole Robinson

Fillmore, CA

.Monopolies do not serve the interests of a democracic populace. It does serve the interests of greedy corporations who want to destroy freedom of choice. This is unamerican and morally corrupt. Stop this madness, now. Please. Maureen Mehler Laguna Woods, CA .Monopolies do not save us money or give us good service. We have enough of them and we don't need this one. Bill Gallegos Alameda, CA .Monopolies benefit the Company. Competition benefit's the Consumer. Stop this merger, and protect the Public, not the Corporation.

Michael Kemper San Francisco, CA .Monopolies are only good for the people who own them. Not for the rest of us. The 99%.

Linda Lucas Napa, CA .monopolies are not healthy for the consumer

Richard Monahan San Jose, CA .Monopolies are not good. Steven Banks Mountain View, CA .monopolies are not good for the consumer nor for technological development. Gary Hoffman Huntington Beach, CA .Monopolies are never good for the consumer. Ronald Domin San Francisco, CA

.Monopolies are never a good idea for the consumer and moreso, for the American economy. Monopolies have meant higher fees and reduced service for consumers due to the lack of competition. Merged mega corporations always lay off thousands of workers, but huge salary increases and bonuses for corporate executives inevitably happen.

marcia m. smith Palo Alto, CA .monopolies are illegal, i think, why try for one? why does everything have to be about greed? Rabbi Ruth Adar San Leandro, CA

.Monopolies are bad for consumers. We know that from history: when a company has a monopoly, then all the advantages of a free market go away. Prices can go wild, service can deteriorate, and consumers have no alternative but to pay higher prices for lousy service. Please don't subject California citizens to this merger. It's bad for all of us.

Pamela Gibberman Panorama City, CA .Monopolies are bad for consumers. Period! Angie ONeill Moorpark, CA .Monopolies are always bad Amanda Blatchford Pleasant Hill, CA .Monopolies are against the American principles of government and put average citizens at risk!! James Mickle Sacramento, CA .Monopolies are a sign democracy no longer exists in the republic.

Todd Templeton Sunland, CA .Monopolies and less choice for consumers is simply bad and wrong so please don't take what few choices away. Thanks Paul Karsh

Martinez, CA

.Monopolies - BAD! There is no benefit to the public from this merger! The Public Utilities Commission is supposed to serve the public, not mega-corporations! Comcast is doing quite well without this merger! Things will only get worse if there are fewer cable companies. Of course they will tell you something different but that's a bunch of bull. Don't fall for it!

Artemis Yaffe Redwood City, CA .Monolithic companies only hurt consumers.... please do not allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable. Most Sincerely; Artemis Yaffe

David Shannahoff-Khalsa Del Mar, CA .mo merger melvin taylor Sacramento, CA .Microsoft was prevented from this type of control, the same "must" apply to Comcast/Warner merger. We want to pick for ourselves which programming "we" want not Comcast. Paul Morse Walnut Creek, CA

.Merging is what contributes to controlling our rights as citizens and helps cable companies to become monopolies. I don't want this merger as the problem with raising prices is already inherent in your pricing structure. Bad idea!

Arthur Payan Montebello, CA .Mergers throughout corporate industries is greatly diminishing competition and leaving the consumer without choices and subject to higher costs. Please deny the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Rachael Hopper Brentwood, CA .Mergers that significantly impact large numbers of people is WRONG. Removing choices for the type & kind of media you will have access too is not in the publics best interest. DENY THIS MERGER NOW !!!

Cliff Gamron Oxnard, CA .Mergers Strangle compation Palma Menno - Rice Oxnard, CA .Mergers often result in fewer choices for the consumer, as well as higher prices! NO, to the Comcast - Time Warner merger!!! Ernest Robles San Jose, CA .Mergers of corporations are always for the benefit of corporations. The LOSERS are the CONSUMERS.

Lory Keller Sylmar, CA .Mergers have never been good for consumers.

Michael Russell San Francisco, CA .Mergers don't help consumers. Monoplies need to be broken up not encouraged by governmental actions. Thank You. Michael Duran Pasadena, CA .Mergers do not benefit consumers. No matter the promises made, the assumptions we are asked to make. I say NO to teh Comcast merger with Time Warner.

bobbi loeb Pt Reyes Sta, CA .Mergers constantly cost the consumer more , and give lower quality service .

Nancy Friedman Oakland, CA .Mergers are the opposite of democracy! Martha Beck San Diego, CA .mergers are not a good idea; look at the airlines which now charge more than ever. JUdith Ubsdell Oakland, CA .Merger of Time Warner and Comcast equates to a monopoly. I use Comcast, but only because it is the least bad. A merger just gives them more opportunity not to have to respond to the consumer.

# Ronald Domin

San Francisco, CA

.Mega-mergers like the proposed merger of Comcast and Time-Warner are a bad idea with very little benefits for customers. I am a customer who was not informed about the proposed merger. Competition would keep prices manageable for customers like me; whereas, a mega conglomerate might raise prices and cut back on service, as is the rule of thumb by mega corporations-give less, but charge more. I am opposed to this proposed merger and urge the California PUC to block the merger of Comcast and Time-Warner. Thank you

Nancy Polley San Francisco, CA .Mega mergers mean less choice- please stop it!

Elaine Callahan Fresno, CA .Mega mergers are bad for the consumer! Ande Spencer Redlands, CA .Media should never be consolidated. Rosalind Bresnahan, Ph.D. San Bernardino, CA .Media consolidation hurts consumers. Ira Levine Los Angeles, CA .Media consolidation has been a disaster for consumers, voters and the nation at large. We don't want to see any more of it.

#### Di Lee

Stockton, CA

.me and all other Comcast customers are already feeling the ever increasing charges in our bills, if Comcast merges with Time Warner we will be at the mercy of s more powerful company and we will definetly see our bills go even higher . DONOT ALLOW those two companies to merge! Sincerely, D.M. Lee 1117 W. Chirchill St. Stockton, Ca. 95207

#### Gerald Hunt

#### Sacramento, CA

.Many people rely on television via antenna rather than cable or direct t.v. or wireless. Allowing a merger of Comcast and any of the major networks would be compromising free choice and create a hardship on those of us who chose to "pay" for television by having commericials in the programming rather than a monthly fee for the type of service Comcast offers. Comcast has such a bad reputation that they changed their public name to Xfinity. We do not want or need this type off company monopolizing television in CA. Thank you

#### Kevin McGrath

Anaheim, CA

.Making less choice in the marketplace is not good for the California consumer. Isn't the rallying cry of the capitalist, "Let the market decide?" Well, we are speaking for the market. Giant multimedia conglomerates should NOT control the majority of the media outlets in a market, let alone an entire state! This is not a fair deal for the public. End this takeover now. Thanks for your consideration.

Steve Goldberg Suisun City, CA .Looks like a monopoly is under way. You have the power to stop it. Just say NO! Marc Lieberman San Francisco, CA .Little advantage to CONSUMERS & CITIZENS to this mega-business push towards monopoly.... Just say "No!" Shari Emling Mountain View, CA .Let's see if the PUC and actually put CITIZENS FIRST for a change - and now lick the boots of big business. ABSOLUTELY SAY NO TO COMCAST. We are watching - and we will use political power to change the way things are done in this state if you do not represent the best interests of the PEOPLE.

Joanna Sharon Aubuchon Dyer Oakland, CA .Let's not make life any more expensive than it has to be.

Russell Brown San Luis Obispo, CA .Lets keep the marketplace copetitve.

Walter Shoaff Rescue, CA .Let's have some competition to self regulate prices and quality. Klaus Mager Palm Desert, CA .let us keep competition alive and well, remember why we have an antitrust law.

#### David Puett

Fair Oaks, CA

.Let me explain why I am against the Comcast Time Warner merger. I live in Sacramento, California, not exactly an out-of-the-way place. For years I tried to avoid using Comcast for anything because of their horrible customer service reputation. Finally, I subscribed to their Internet service because there was no other high speed choice. True to their reputation, I found them to be the most unethical company I have ever used. From sales through installation, it was constant lack of transparency. I never received anything in writing even though I asked for it. The only time it was confirmed what I had subscribed to was when I received my first bill. Throughout the process no one would ever independently confirm what the prior representative had committed to. When the 9 or 12 · 1·

Kris Head Garden Grove, CA .Less Competition=Higher Prices=Even Worse Service

Sheryl Iversen Murrieta, CA .Less competition results in less choice and higher prices. Gary Plumtree Glendale, CA .Less choice and higher prices are not the way to go. If you get lousy service, then where do you go?

dave BLANE Los Angeles, CA .LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!! Joseph Bates La Crescenta, CA .Large mergers don't work out well for the consumer. We have seen that result in other industries. The consumer believes, (and for good reason) that their right of choice has been sold off. If this merger is allowed to happen, that opinion will only grow stronger. I hope those involved will act for the right reasons. Ruta Krusa-Anthony Oakland, CA .Large conglomerates do not serve the public well. Prices will increase and service will suffer. Please deny the request for Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable.

Jeanne Nearhoff Tehachapi, CA .Lack of competition is hurting all of us.

Sarah Pegg Fortuna, CA .Lack of competition is always bad for consumers. Please vote NO. CK Williams Camarillo, CA .Lack of competition is a disservice to consumers, who end up being manipulated into even higher costs without additional benefit.

John Ipjian Santa Monica, CA .Kindly block the Comcast Time Warner Cab;e Merger. We need more competition to encourage lower rates. Thank You.

Chuck von Aspern Turlock, CA .Keep your hand off of Ca. you have a lousy product and even lousier customer service!! Jolaine Gorrilla Maricopa, CA .Keep your greedy corporate hands off of my computer connections!

Marcia Barnes Menifee, CA .Keep the cost of TV & internet down!

George Hasely Burbank, CA .Keep the cable industry a free market not a monopoly. Do not allow Comcast Cable to merge with Time Warner Cable. It is not in the best interest of the public.

Kevin Mitchell Riverside, CA .Keep COMCAST out! Don't let them buy Time Warner.

B Zeiden Los Angeles, CA .Keep Comcast OUT! James Mather Loomis, CA .Keep ComCast out of California Gail Dunford Chula Vista, CA .Just what we need, another monopoly! Not!!! Frank Ackerman Walnut Creek, CA .just what kind of corruption is going on to even consider a Comcast merger. Thie is creating a monopoly. There is effectively no competition now. We should be talking of breaking up these price controlling companies. These should be laws requiring more than ten competing companies before a merger could even be considered. It is fiction to say that less than four companies in an area actually compete. We know there is always collusion to fix prices. An even bigger fiction is to "let the marketplace decide" there are no free markets. Where are the trust busters?

James Verhulst San Luis Obispo, CA .Just vote "NO" on the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. It doesn't serve anyone's interests here in San Luis Obispo. There is already too little competition and Charter is doing an OK job. Wilson Forbes Escondido, CA .Just say NO. Bigger isn't better. Just say NO to this monopoly. COMCAST is big enough already. Time Warner should rethink this merger proposal and back out of it.

K Campbell El Dorado Hills, CA .Just say no! I need an alternative to Comcast. I do not need my choices merged away. steve van elswyk san francisco, CA .just say NO to the potential comcast, time warner cable merger. we do NOT want comcast dominating the california market. Ralph Baker San Jose, CA .Just say NO to Comcasts plans to dominate the California viewing!

Rose Aquilina San Francisco, CA .Just say "no".

Alberto Castelo San diego, CA .just say "No!" Dan Miller Canyon Country, CA .Just plain bad for the consumers

Patrick Shields

Studio City, CA

.I've spent hours reading up on this and the deal as proposed contains NO upside for the consumer. I am so tired dealing with the likes of such corporate suits. I'm not entirely sure they are even human, but that's "off subject." Please don't let these people just mosy into our state and lie and promise their way into a "win" situation. They don't deserve it, and WE certainly don't deserve them! James Mathews San Mateo, CA .I've had trouble every year receiving a reliable signal from Crummycast's TV service so they are the LAST company I want dominating TV broadcast receiving service ANYWHERE! Karl Balke Westlake Village, CA .I've had enough trouble with Time Warner in the past that I don't want to have to deal with Comcast just when I'm getting reasonable internet and phone service. Please don't let Comcast swallow up what little we have of reasonable internet access.

### A Sparks

Castro Valley, CA

.I've experienced regular poor customer service (as recently as yesterday) from Comcast. They couldn't even provide me with a copy of my most recent bill, even after I logged into their website. I want more competition, not less.

Monica Odani Lomita, CA .I've done business with Time-Warner. Do you hate California so much? Cheryl DeSautell Pasadena, CA .I've been a Comcast customer previously when living in another state, and it is not good. And if they get bigger, it will only get worse. Don't let this happen. There is NO LOGICAL reason it should.

Theodore Siniscalchi Acampo, CA .I've been a Comcast customer forever and I've seen their rates go up and up. This would be another nail in my consumer coffin. Please don't let them do this. Robert And Petra Sullivan Sacramento, CA

.I've been a Comcast customer for many years and the prices have jumped in the last year even higher than before. We are very wary of what they'll do with an even more dominating spot in the market. A healthy market has several big players.
John Cameron

Selma, CA

.I've been a Comcast customer for a long time, and have generally been happy with it, but we don't need a monopoly on internet access in California, or anywhere else. let's have more providers, not less. Capitalism requires competition to function efficiently. Let's let it function efficiently here. valerie cooper sun city, CA

.It's up to us in California to stop monopolies from taking over especially in the comcast time warner cable merger. Prices tend to go up and all they care about is more, more, more. Please say no/

#### Ron Massicotte

San Francisco, CA

.It's time to stop letting mergers go through that are good for big business BUT bad for people. California does not need another consolidation of power in the Internet & Cable industries. We all know that these mergers have always led to higher costs & worse service for the consumer. PUT A STOP TO IT NOW!

#### Red Clark

Windsor, CA

.It's time to reign in the power-grabs-by-mega-corp merger... stop this and ALL attempts to monopolize our cable, phone, and internet access!

#### Robert Melera

Oroville, CA

.It's time for CALIFORNIA and the PUC to take action to stop this monopoly from happening. Years ago the PUC worked for the consumers...Today I fear it works for the interests of big business....Stop this merger NOW!!!! Althea Waites-Hayes

Long Beach, CA

.It's time for all of you to say NO to Comcast. I am sick and tired of paying higher prices for poor quality phone and broadband services, and my cable service is not much better. When I moved to Long Beach in 1998, my monthly cable bill was approximately \$53, and now I am paying \$76. Service has not really improved. Comcast should not be allowed to take over the California market, and that's why I'm speaking out. Tobie Shapiro Berkeley, CA .It's not just a bad idea. It's bad business. And it's not just a bad idea and bad business. It's also antidemocratic.

Denise Key Modesto, CA .its never a good idea for so large a company.

Barb Lundhild Redwood City, CA .It's hard to imagine how combining two companies with lousy reputations for hiking prices and delivering poor service could possibly benefit Californians. No corporation should control your choices in California.

Michael OMordha Folsom, CA .It's hard enough to find real diversity in the cable market. I can't see how any merger of cable companies in California can be good for us.

Stephen Tang Milpitas, CA .Its dominance is so amazing. It also cheat out my internet speed. The sales aren't trained correctly too. Robert Stempler Oxnard, CA .It's bad enough that Time Warner had no competitors in many markets, but don't let this increase to more markets in this state. Please reject the merger! Frankie Salpas Riverside, CA .It's bad enough I have to deal with Charter, I can't imagine how awful Comcast will be. I'm already paying out the ears for Charter, if Comcast takes over I'm dropping cable altogether. Personally, I'm sick of large corporations telling me what I can and cannot watch. What ever happened to "the airwaves belong to the people?"

alan paulsen Roseville, CA .It's a no brainer... It's a BAD idea period.

Karl Hillhouse Midway City, CA .its a bad deal for Californians for Comcast to take over Time Warner

## RAYMOND CHAN

City of Industry, CA

.It would be a disaster for Comcast to takeover Time Warner Cable. Comcast has a spotty & lousy service history with 1 out of 5 stars on satisfactory rating at consumeraffairs.com. We certainly don't need this kind of service in California. Hence, please block the merger. The merger will not benefit Californians.

Juan Chavez Orange, CA .it will hurt competition Judy Cawley Huntington Beach, CA .It takes competition to help keep costs in line..... Don't give Comcast a monopoly on our choices..... chris davis Richmond, CA .It seems like its hard for you to get it but eventually you will learn that your greed is bad for you too.

Kathleen Sigel Oak View, CA .It is time to start enforcing the Sherman Antitrust Act.

Michael Rosengren Bakersfield, CA .It is time to say "No" to the merger or gobbling up of big corporations which causes less choices as a consumer and many people will be laid off. It just doesn't work, yet it continues to happen!

Joan Borame El Cerrito, CA .It is time for us to have a choice. Comcast has a monopoly. Rates keep going up and up and up. No merger.

Edith Ogella

Santa Barbara, CA

.It is time for the dominance of our news media sources by large corporations to stop. News and information is as vital to a democracy as is water to life. Tom Frillman Van Nuys, CA

.It is shameful and embarrassing that the United States should be 26th in broadband download speed in the world. Why are we there? It is undoubtedly the lack of competition in the telecommunications sector. We need more competition not less! Please help California lead the way to progress in the broadband industry. Please do not allow this Comcast/Time-Warner merger. Thank you. Arnold Pinck San Jose, CA .It is not in the best interests of the consumer. It will cause our fee's to increase. Gary Giarretto Santa Clara, CA

.It is my hope that the Commissioners do everything in their power to shape a competitive market in this industry. The people of California deserve access to technological innovations provided through companies at competitive prices that aren't determined by unregulated oligopolies. Balance between price and profit is always in order and mindful regulation of the ever-present grasping for more power and profit ant the expense of California citizens is our hoped for result of PUC oversight.

David Layton

Winnetka, CA

.It is important to block the merger between Comcast and Time-Warner cable. This is a competition-crushing travesty that will reduce already low customer quality services, remove choice from the market, and take money from the citizenry to enrich already overly wealthy executives. Harold Segelstad Woodside, CA .It is imperative that you defend the interests of the much maligned citizen to block this outrage in California.

Al Karm Encino, CA .It is bad enough with Time Warner controlling the market, we don't need another mega firm to dictate pricing.

Michal Parker Oroville, CA .It is bad enough already,please do not let it get worse.

#### Dennis Landi

#### Long Beach, CA

It is already difficult enough just getting cable connection. The price alone is too high for a lot of potential customers. You also do not always get what you promised to receive regarding service from these various cable companies. The one thing that we do not need is to have these two companies merge together, making it even tougher for people to afford cable. How do we even know if the price will increase yearly, and how do we know how many channels will even be available? Will we even be able to see some of the shows that we are seeing now? I suggest that you do not allow these two companies to merge together. Dish network is already trying to discontinue at least one of the major networks. We do not need to have the same thing happen to us if these two merge together. Please

Joanne Winars

Corte Madera, CA

.It is a tragedy what we must pay for Comcast services. It scares me to think of what will happen if and when they take over Time Warner. The prices will skyrocket. Please halt the take over.

# John Kelly

Sacramento, CA

.It has been proven time and time again. The bigger the company gets, the less the consumer gets. The profit over service attitude always prevails. Help stop this from going any further. The consumers are the ones suffering. Stewart Berkshire

Santa Ana, CA

.It can't be good for two very large cable companies, neither of which are known for customer service or economical service, to merge. What is the point of creating a quasi-monopoly out of two such unworthy components. Prices are bound to rise. Personal choice is bound to be reduced.

paulette mirfield Stockton, CA .Isn't this just leading to negate Judge Greene's ruling on monopolies? ATT attempts to monopolize, Comcast. Com'on, who's next?

William McGrann Seal Beach, CA .Internet Service Providers already conspire to fix prices way to high. Please do not make it worse. Ralph Rauscher Scotts Valley, CA .Inreasing your rates almost every month without justification. Dropping your services - AT&T or Dish are much less expensive!

Calvin Tomita Fremont, CA .Increase size and reduce customer service. That's how they roll.

Rick Vance Napa, CA .In this case bigger isn't better. gail owensmith Long Beach, CA .In this age of megamergers and fewer and fewer choices for consumers, the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger will result in even fewer choices for those who use them. I absolutely oppose this.

#### Carol McInerny

Brentwood, CA

.In the interests of true competition, please deny the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Such an act does not serve the public good, and as commissioners for the PUC, please do the right thing. Don't do back room deals like you did with PG&E which has garnered so much recent publicity. Thank You. Christian McLaughlin West Hollywood, CA .In the interest of capping exorbitant rates and promoting better service through competitive business entities, please block the proposed merger of Time Warner Cable & Comcast. As a California resident and

NOT be best for consumers.

cable subscriber, I firmly believe this merger would

# Robert Hogan

La Quinta, CA

.In order to assure competition in the cable industry we need more choice in the providers that serve the public, not less. I can not envision how allowing Comcast to absorb Time Warner will promote more competition and better service in an industry that currently has too few choices. I urge you to vote no on this proposed merger and protect the citizens of California. James Lobdell Santa Rosa, CA

.In many areas, Comcast already has a virtual monopoly on cable TV and Internet services. If they merge with Time-Warner, that will put them in a position of nearly unbridled power over telecommunitcations in our state, as well as throughout the country. Whatever happened to outlawing the concept of "combinations in restraint of trade"? We live in a corporatocracy now, so let's not make it even more tyrannical than it is currently.

Timothy Dobbins San Francisco, CA .In a true 'free market' we deserve choices instead of being forced into using the only service available! Dorothy McIntosh Santa Barbara, CA .In a true democratic republic digital communication infrastructure would be treated as utilities, because you can't really be a citizen without it.

Ellen Liversidge San Diego, CA .In a nutshell, no merger! Pamela Copelan Auburn, CA .I'm voting for a definite "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner cable merger. Comcast is an arrogant monopoly which leaves we as the consumers of their service helpless in the face of continual and deceptive price increases. judith Ireland San Rafael, CA .I'm very tired of the lousy service and high price for that service from Comcast. Do NOT allow the merger of Comcast Time Warner Cable, PUC. Let's have some competition in this market.

Patrick Erickson Perris, CA .I'm tired of the high price lack of service and no choices. Please no cable merger.

John Martinez Montebello, CA .I'm tired of major corps. taking over other corps. They profit and we the public end up getting the end of the short stick. Please, I beg you not to approve this merger.

Donald McLeod Antioch, CA .I'm tired of high prices and lousy service.

#### Mark Kausler GLENDALE, CA

.I'm still waiting for alacarte cable, more than 30 years after I first subscribed! With this merger, it looks like I will NEVER get alacarte selectivity with my cable service. Consolidation and monopolies don't bode well for we consumers. Say NO to this merger, it's not in our best interests.

deborah thomas desert hot springs, CA .im so tired of the lack of choices and the high prices.

## Joan Darnell

Patterson, CA

.I'm sick and tired of only having a "choice" of Comcast in the areas in which I have lived. Every month a different balance is given. They give you a special of \$29.99 for 12 months and then jack the price up to \$69.99~~I'm 71 years and TV is one of the few enjoyments I have. Don't give Comcast a monopoly on this service.

Daniel Cricks Sherman Oaks, CA .I'm saying NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger!!!!

Jim Conklin Stockton, CO .I'm not only tired of mega-corporations reducing competition i'm GODDAMM sick and tired of it. Airlines, Utilities, Healthcare Corps. The end result in every case is higher costs and lower service. STOP THIS COMCAST MERGER.

## Pat Smith

Boulder Creek, CA

.I'm happy with my current carrier and don't want to be made to change companies, especially to one with as bad a reputation as Comcast has. The merger also takes away competition from Comcast which does not incentivize them to improve their service or respond to consumer complaints. I won't be able to vote with my feet; I object to being made to accept service from a particular company without it being my choice.

#### Drew Allem

San Jose, CA

.I'm fed up with Comcast gouging and controlling service, and expect the PUC to protect us from the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. It will place too much power in too few hands and reduces competition. Comcast is lousy in service, in value for what it offers, and doesn't care about serving, only in getting the most money for the least cost and bother to them. The PUC is the only body that can stop this horrible merger and we ask you to block them fully and effectively.

Loic Segapelli Oakland, CA .I'm disgusted by Comcast horrible pricing and I'm switching to DirecTV, even if that means poorer service Michael Lupo Oxnard, CA .I'm already sick of high prices and no choice. Please don't approve this merger ! ROLANDO AGUILOS Pinole, CA .I'M AGAINST THE COMCAST TIME WARNER CABLE MERGER.

Roy Phillips San Diego, CA .I'm afraid of higher prices with the lack of competition due to a merger. Donna Willmott San Francisco, CA .I'm a very dissatisfied Comcast customer, having experienced very high prices, deceptive changing of my plan after I called to get a less expensive one and found myself paying more than I agreed to.

Eddy Robey Sherman Oaks, CA .I'm a Time-Warner customer, and don't want to be part of the Comcast empire. Scott Baker

Santa Maria, CA

.I'm a ConCast customer myself. They are an out-ofcontrol corporation trying to get away with anything they can get away with. They have made DOZENS of charges and fees appear on my bill that should not be there. They have raised my rates without reason when I know others have not had increases in my area. They are crooks and will say anything when you call customer service to excuse their mistakes and overall bad service. Their CEO has insulted internet users, calling them hogs for using the service they were promised was unlimted in an uninhibited fashion. They have strove consistently to charge as much money as they can for the least amount of value for their customers. Now they have entered into politics, giving kickbacks and cushy post-FCC jobs to FCC officials · · · · · · · TC /1 · /1 m

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#### ELMER BERGER

San Rafael, CA

.I'm a Comcast customer. To get a somewhat decent rate I have to threaten to switch to AT&T. Rates just keep going up!

Patrick Shane

Petaluma, CA

.I'll bet that this will be just another "Us vs Them", with the "Them" being the 'Winners', BUT, - - - for what it's worth, you can count MY VOTE AGAINST the C/TW Merger!! No Harm in letting the 'wee folk' have something of their own, in fairness to all! Aranye Fradenburg Goleta, CA .If you have any integrity left, please do not support this merger. It will just become another monstrosity that's "too big to fail." Sincerely, Aranye Fradenburg 962 West Campus LN Goleta CA 93117

Gainsley Hamilton San Jose, CA .If you don't speak for the People (Us), then who will. Robert Barfus Modesto, CA .If you allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner there will be no competition and prices will soar. I do not want this merger to happen! Bob Rawlings Brisbane, CA .if we could have a highly regulated corporation , even one company would work but it needs to be highly regulated Aka Germany Harold Isbell San Francisco, CA .If there is one lesson that history has taught, again and again and again, it is that monopoly is always harmful and must be avoided at all costs.

### Martin Bernstein

Long Beach, CA

.If there is anything we should have learned over the past 20 years or so is that mergers of companies of this size of ComCast and Time Warner are NEVER in the public's interest. Worse yet is that Verizon is sitting in the corner to see what you will do, because you can bet it is ready to pounce on what ever is next.

# Carol Fusco

Berkeley, CA

.If the Time/Warner/Comcast merger goes through they will be the only game in town for many more people than they are separately and this is BAD for people monopolies can do anything they want without the check of healthy competition. NOT GOOD.

Jeff Thayer San Diego, CA .If The Comcast/Time Warner merger goes through, there will be an oligopoly on cable TV services in America. Please don't let this happen. Thank you.

# Steve Hoyte

Salinas, CA

.If I want to leave DirecTV my choices are very limited. DISH, UVerse, or COMCAST. ATT is already purchasing DirecTV so then I will have one less choice. If COMCAST get it's way, the game of choice will be over. SAY NO TO COMCAST. If I lived a few miles from where I live now I could choose Charter, I am not able to do that. I want MORE choices, not less. Freeda Koopmans Fullerton, CA

.If Comcast merges with Time Warner, that would be a Monapoly wouldn't it? I thought we got rid of them, and now find that we're back trying to prevent it. Our rates are just TOO HIGH as it is with Time Warner, the maintenance and reception are not good. Why don't you listen to the people and not just the lobbyist? I am against the merger!

#### Cecil Rendon

Stockton, CA

.If Comcast controls almost the entire populated area of the California, how will this play out for service levels and cost for cable/internet services. I can only see negative things with this near monopoly. The loss of competition almost always results in degraded customer service and increased cost.

Ole Bruun Rio Vista, CA .If Comcast buys Time Warner Cable, we will be paying more for what we have now. Please don't let that happen.

# Edgar Weber

Daly City, CA

.I'd just like to say that the vast majority of Comcast employees with whom I have dealt are, at best, minimally competent. And I certtainly wouldn't let one in my house. So please don't let them expand and destroy another option.

#### Paul Rhoads

San Francisco, CA

.I would rather see a State owned communication network that one owned and controlled by the greedy interests of Private Stakeholders. For our survival, Californians and all Human Beings need wide open, unihibited, un-restricted multipmedia communication capibilities. It is essential for a true democracy.

# A Diamond Trammel

### Concord, CA

.I would never do business with Comcast. The way they treat their employees (I have known several of their former employees is a perfect example of how they will treat their customers. They are money mongers and will never put the best interest of the public above their lust for money. Please do not let them merge with Time Warner. This would be a disaster. Patricia Simons Saint Helena, CA .I would like you oppose the merger of Time Warner and Comcast because it negatively impacts competition!!

#### Angel gonzalez Bonita, CA

.I would like all of you to please think long and hard at what a giant power grab by Comcast might mean to consumers in CA and beyond! I am a very moderate person overall, but I must insist that this MONOPOLY would be detrimental to the consumer's ability to choose which provider is right for them! I am not writing you to change your minds, but rather having you all ANALYZE this merger in the eyes of the public. I believe wholeheartedly that this is a bad deal for California consumers and I am hoping you will come to the same conclusion.

# Leonard Lepken

Valencia, CA

.I would appreciate that you block this merger. We have been unhappy with the service from Time Warner. Our TV reception is unreliable, spotty, they have been less than truthful with us on excuses, and have failed to show up for appointments. Most of their people are good but I think there is no accountability. We feel captive to a company that only regards the bottom line. PLEASE say no to this merger. Earl Frounfelter Santa Maria, CA .I worked in television for almost 20 years, broadcast and cable. I can say with certainty, from personal experience, that the bigger the ownership, the less choice and service there is for customers.

Richard Hildebrand Palmdale, CA .I wish to voice my opposition to the proposed Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger. Our choices are already few and service (especially Comcast service) is poor. It will deteriorate further if this merger is consumated. There is simply nothing good for the customer with this.

## don bradley

san diego, CA

.I wish to express my disfavor of the proposed Comcast takeover of Time Warner able. Competition is the cornerstone of our American economic system to improve quality, selection and control costs.

#### David Geller Antioch, CA

.I was once a subscriber to Comcast and found it to be the most ineffective, consumer-hostile service provider I have ever encountered. They pulled bait-and-switches, lied about services and prices, and basically treated me like a tool. I cannot urge you strongly enough to deny this merger; it will be devastating to California, to say nothing of what it will do to the PR for the PUC, which already has a reputation for selling out Californians to the highest corporate bidder (cf: PG&E). **Rick Larsen** 

Santa Cruz, CA

.I was a Comcast customer for 25 years and their service and channel selection has just gotten bad and worse while their prices has gone up . I got fed up and canceled my cable this month. They are a horrible company with know idea how to make their customers happy .

Joe Miller Santa Cruz, CA .I want you to stop Comcast from growing. I have experience with them for years and their service gets worse while their prices go up. We don't need to give them any more monopoly than they already have!!!

Cari Chenkin Citrus Heights, CA .I want to see MORE choices, not fewer, in the marketplace. I don't think this merger is in CA consumers' best interests.

Priscilla Robinson La Mirada, CA .I want to have the opportunity to make consumer choices so that I can get the best price I can. Mergers take away our freedom to choose and usually results in higher prices. No on this merger! Simone Meeker

Helendale, CA

.I want to go on record with your offices saying NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. I think it is time to stop making bigger and bigger corporations with more and more power to run business in this country. I think it is time for some trust busting instead, and time to give the people a chance to tell those we elect what to do instead of those with money telling them what to do. I don't want to live in a country run by corporations. Thank you for listening. Susan Walp Pasadena, CA .I want to decide for myself how to use the internet. David Walters Cypress, CA .I want to be able to choose who I want to be my cable provider should be, if this merger is approved that takes away my choice and creates a monopoly.

Lura Bublitz Concord, CA .I want to be able to choose my internet proivider as I do now and my choice is NOT comcast.

# Sheila Smith

Salinas, CA

.I want telephone and internet as public utilities. I have paid a fortune for lousy customer service and slow, unreliable or inaccessible service. There is no reason that this universal need for access to phone and internet should be dominated by corporations who care about profit above all. We need these services, and we need them at a reasonable cost.

## Julia Hawkins Cotati, CA .I want open access to the widest available informational and cultural news I can get -- Comcast is notoriously anti-consumer and shamelessly expensive and provides crummy service. The airwaves are the public commons, they must be freely accessible and neutral -- mergers are never about public service but about profit at the expense of quality and social responsibility. And how can the little man (we citizens) fight behemoths for redress with all their advantages of huge wealth and power? I beg you to deny the takeover bid.

Renee Doyle Riverside, CA .i want my freedom to choose fully protected. Alan Blank Oakland, CA .I want more choices, not less. Joan Birdsall Burbank, CA .I want freedom to choose the internet supplier, the cable supplier, free choice on viewing. I do not want to be locked into contracts.

Joan Ripple Novato, CA .I want competition and I want to make my own choices. I have a life and I want to live it fully for the years I have left ... who knows how much longer, I am already 80. Say NO to this proposed merger.

Jeanne Faulkner Santa Cruz, CA .I want choices of which TV carriers I use.! No Comcast!!! I don't want a monopoly to run the TV system.

Brent Larsen San Diego, CA .I want better service and choices not Comcast dominating the field.

# J Angell

Rescue, CA

.I want a real choice finally and not a bill that creeps up every month without warning or explanation while delivering less service than my contract says I get. Do not get rid of what little incentive they have not to do these illegal horrid anti-consumer acts by permitting a merger. Even their staff tell customers to be prepared to phone multiple times and insist on talking to a supervisor to get their bill to be correct (could be hours of time most people do not have). luke hauge Cottonwood, CA .I want a choice. David Landau Los Angeles, CA .I vehemently oppose this merger. We used to have effective anti-trust legislation in this country.

John Wooldridge Rio Linda, CA .I used to have Comcast cable. Their customer service was so bad that I fired them and went to a satellite based service, which was much better. I cannot see how this merger could benefit anyone but comcast. Please use your authority to block this pointless merger in California.

Joseph Wall Sonoma, CA .I urge you to take this opportunity to protect Californians from the anti competitive abuses that will undoubtedly occur if Comcast and Time Warner are permitted to merge by declining their petition. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Charles Kroupa Yountville, CA .I urge you to reject the proposed Comcast+Time-Warner merger. The merger of two inept, craven utilities into one gigantic monopoly will be devastating to the public interest. Chiu Chan

Foster City, CA

.I urge you to reject the Comcast and Time Warner Cable merger. My Comcast cable and internet charges have sky rocketed. I have already cancelled my Comcast cable subscription. We the consumers will see much higher costs if Comcast becomes a monopoly.

# Stephen Barker

Tiburon, CA

I urge you to prohibit the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Currently, the service from Comcast in our area is poor, and permitting the merger will spread the poor service. If and when Comcast improves its service and is responsive to customer's needs, then perhaps one might consider the merger; but letting a company with poor service would merely insure that the coverage of that poor service would spread. Thanks you, in advance, for preventing this merger in California and for anything that you can do to make Comcast more responsive to its customers needs.

Ardath Kirchner

San Francisco, CA

.I urge you to oppose the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger, a monopolistic takeover that will not benefit Californians. Sincerely, Ardath Kirchner 164 Sadowa Street San Francisco, California 94112

## JAMES CRUM

La Palma, CA

.I urge you to disapprove the proposed merger of Time Warner and Comcast into a single giant enterprise. Since the combined companies will provide cable and internet service to the majority of California, it will have the ability to set or increase billing rates at will. This can't possibly by beneficial to Californians. Please vote No and preserve competition among cable/internet providers.

Rich Goldberg Penngrove, CA .I urge you to disallow the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Walter Hanig San Diego, CA .I urge you deny the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. I believe that customer service will worsen and prices rise disproportionately to costs and investment if the firms merge.

Virginia Mardesich San Rafael, CA .I urge the PUC to block this move by Time Warner as the present cost should not be increase! Sincerely, Virginia Mardesich Jimmy Richardson Orange, CA .I urge the California Public Utilities Commission to block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. I do not believe the merger is in my best interest or the best interest of the public. This merger will only mean every Californian will receive more high prices and lousy service for phone and broadband services. Again, I urge you to opposition this deal as it will not benifit me or the California public.

Steven Smith Freedom, CA .I urge a NO vote on the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Less competition only means higher prices, poorer service, and less accessibility to the internet.

Peter Jemme Concord, CA .I tried to use them and they were so screwed up. Don't give them anything bigger to break and charge us for!!

Jacqueline Johnson Los Altos, CA .I thought we were a country that favored competition?

Eileen Bill Santa Rosa, CA .I thought we believed in competition and were against monopolies! Paul Kender Berkeley, CA

.I thought Time Warner had the worst customer service on Earth, then I moved to Berkeley and had to deal with Comcast. The thought that they want to merge for customer benefit is a joke. Do your job and protect Californians from greedy corporations. Furthermore, I encourage you to reclassify cable internet/TV as utilities in order to address the exponential rate of increase of the bills. Thanks! Doris Greenwald Milton

San Diego, CA

.I thought these big mergers were being stopped by the government a long time ago, if not they should be! What chance to small people have when the business world has been taken over by a few large and powerful conglomerates?

#### Rebecca Geiser Glendale, CA

.I thought their were laws in standing to protect the consumer from being overtaking by big business? That is why the phone company's stay so small, when Ma Bell wanted to take over? So goes for the Verizon side of the fence. It has never been allowed, in the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, and the twentieth century or currently. Why or who is giving the "Power of the Purse" the right to Control us? We are small independent workers, who are working in big business matters with beginning small entrepreneur bold people who do not have big money backing them and only have government incentives to move forward in their small business ventures (my self included) who get being shoved to the back of the line as if we do not matter? I Care! I who to grow and make more than just \$ 1.00 in 2015, with the 

Phyllis Angella Vallejo, CA .i thought monopolies were illegal? What are these clowns trying to put over on people!?

Susan Clements Angels Camp, CA .I thought monopolies were illegal.

Karlene Gallegly Los Angeles, CA .I thought Adelphia service was bad, UNTIL Time Warner Cable took over that service. NOW COMCAST. NO PLEASE. I can't even think of what they will force us into. Why can't we have as many choices as possible. This is American, the land of opportunity.

Clarke Morrow Los Angeles, CA .I think the union of Comcast and Time Warner sounds like a bad deal for consumers. Clarke Morrow

### Charles Gifford

San Diego, CA

.I think that this proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner cable is disastrous. Comcast is not doing this for our benefit but to add to their coffers and for the power it would give them. Time-Warner isn't far behind. This would create a monopoly allowing them to control and abuse their subscriber's pockets and viewing. Wendell Oien Long Beach, CA .I think that the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger will be bad for consumers. It will reduce competition and increase costs.

Edgar Hernandez Moorpark, CA .I think it's not for the good of the California consumers to permit Comcast to buy Time Warner Cable. If permitted the cost of cable well go up due to less competition.

Debra Simons Mountain View, CA .I think it would be an monopoly!

# William Burnes

Sonora, CA

.I think it is a very bad idea to put so much power in the hands of one giant media outlet. How can our freedom of speech and of the free press be guaranteed in the future if one large organization controls so much of the information we receive? There is already too much consolidation of power in the government and corporations. Please do not help make this situation worse! Do not allow the merger! Please! I have nothing against Comcast, but I very much fear concentration of power in a few hands.

William HALL Monterey, CA .I think it is a big mistake to allow the merger of Comcast with Time Warner. Prices have gone up consistently and I feel they will increase beyond the ability of seniors to pay!

#### Heidi Sanborn

Sacramento, CA

.I think Comcast is already crooked - i hate them and already feel like i have no choice but to use them. Isn't that why we broke up Ma Bell? To prevent monoplies? WE urge you to do the right thing and stop this merger! Its bad for consumers, democracy and America's free market - what little is left of it. Edward Gibson

Sacramento, CA

.I think Comcast already has too much control of the market in California presently, and their prices are already too high particularly considering the rest of the world. This merger with Time Warner would give them almost complete control of the the market in California. I strongly oppose this merger.

Janice Feeley Fremont, CA .I think a Comcast Time Warner merger would constitute a monopoly and be a very bad thing for consumers. Michelle Mehlhorn Richmond, CA .I switched from Comcast because my service and their responses were so poor. Please don't put me at their mercy!

Felicia Chavez San Rafael, CA .I support freedom of choice, not corporate giants. Peni Hall Berkeley, CA .i strongly oppost the merger between time warner and comcast - there is already a lack of meaningful competition and this would only make it worse Bill Williams Palm Desert, CA .I strongly oppose the Time Warner/Comcast merger. There are NOT enough choices, as it stands, and this merger will give Comcast a monopoly, controlling our access to the internet, TV programing, and a large portion of Telephone service. This is NOT in the public's interest.

Susan Wright Westminster, CA .I strongly oppose the Comcast Time Warner merger.

James Toma Fountain Valley, CA .I strongly oppose a Comcast - Time Warner Merger Jerry Coffel

Antioch, CA

.i strenuous object to allowing Comcast to merge with Time Warner in California. I have had Comcast service and it proved one thing to me--it was only interested in one thing--more profit and more money. It kept raising my monthly bill; when I objected the csr would say "oh your promotion ran out or some other excuse. I stopped using it for tv and will stop the phone and internet as soon as I can. SAY NO TO COMCAST. THE MERGER IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF CALIFORNIANS!!!!

Richard Stark Rancho Palos Verdes, CA .I see no legitimate reason to reduce the amount of competition in the cable market when those in the current market can limit offerings without penalty. Case in point -- Time Warner's refusal to broadcast the Dodger games this past season. Robert W Peters Porter Ranch, CA .I see no advantage to the Comcast - Time Warner merger. I changed from Time Warner cable TV to Direct TV because of a better deal. However as I did so I inquired about Time Warner's WiFi. They had/have the best deal going for WiFi and I immediately signed up. I now have unlimited WiFi for multiple devices for one flat, very reasonable fee. I see no good reason for further consolidation of this media.

# John Wiedmann

Glendora, CA

.i see absolutely no advantage to merging Comcast and Time Warner, unless one believes reduced competition is healthy. Both companies have poor reputations for serving their customers. Their sole objective is to control a huge portion of market share to allow them to increase rates, increase shareholder profits, while continuing to ignore the well-being of their customers. Being bigger is not the same as being better. I hope the PUC will see through this sham and deny this merger. At this point in the process, only the PUC has the ability to look after the public's best interests

Harold MacPherson Santee, CA .I say please do not allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Thank you.

Janice Salvador Tehachapi, CA .I say No to the merger. It will just lead to a monopoly and higher prices for the consumers. Ed Elliott Ben Lomond, CA .I say NO to the mega-monopolies taking over our freedoms of choice! Stop this outrageous merger of the public-be-damned corporations out to control our media in order to maximize their profits.

Mary Young La Mesa, CA .I say no to the Comcast Time Warner merger. These giants are already have too much power. Eugene Curl Solvang, CA .I say NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.. We have had enough of these huge takeovers with the resulting bad service and no competition prices. Robert Connors San Francisco, CA .I say no to the Comcast merger with Time Warner. Robert Ward Indio, CA .I say no to monopolization of any market that hinders a free market and keeps the consumer from having freedom of choice as well as a consumer price saving market.

Vince Capizzo Martinez, CA .i say no they will be to big an get what ever they want price wise it's not fair to the public jeanne etchechoury Camarillo, CA .I say a big NO to any merge with these two companies. I'm surprised it's even being discussed. But these politicians are probably in their pockets.

William Lilly Marina, CA .I say "NO" to the Comcast - Time Warner Cable merger! There is no way possible for this to benefit consumers and it, in essence creates a a monopoly. Leonard Toon Granada Hills, CA .I respectfully request that you do not approve the proposed merger of Comcast with Time-Warner cable companies. From what I have read about them (and experienced with Time-Warner), it is apparent that the massive corporation formed thereby could have nothing but a dismal effect on the dependent citizenry. Combining two companies with poor service records can not possibly result in improved service. Bernice Requenez

Fresno, CA

.I remember when TV was free. I don't mind paying some but \$50 some for TV programs is too much. Most of the programs are just smut and gossip. I really object to having to open reams of paper conning you into paying even more for those lousy programs.

#### Michael Ryan

Citrus Heights, CA

.I remember when the government's job was to break-up monopolies, not encourage them. That was a time when it was still possible to be proud of this country. No more!

#### Haylie Christante

Belvedere Tiburon, CA

.I recently moved to California from a state where Comcast was an option; not the only option. Comcast service and prices were competitive and decent. Here, where Comcast is the only server, I have experienced extremely poor service, technical assistance, and higher prices for this poor service. Competition in the market place breeds excellence in service and care of customers rather than mediocrity and self centeredness for profit. The utilities are here to serve the people. How does this merger serve the best interest of the people who would be "served" by it.

# Stanley Sargent

San Francisco, CA

.I recently changed to a smaller Comcast package as I simply cannot afford the rising prices. I will reduce it to basic cable or drop my service altogether if the monthly price goes up again. And why does the picture have jumping pixels in the lower 1/4th of the screen so often? You're service isn't even good. I have friends in other states where only Time Warner Cable is their only cable option, and they hate it. Don't make things worse by merging Comcast with Time Warner, or you'll be surprised at the negative reaction from customers.

Henry White Salinas, CA .I really do not like comcast. How they ever got us to pay !50 dollars a month to watch limitless ads I do not know. Do not give them any more power

Alvin Todd Richmond, CA .I quit Comcast for all these reasons. Consumers always get screwed. Michael Cosso Alamo, CA .I quit Comcast for a reason. Now you want to force me back? Please don't. John Ritchey Santa Cruz, CA

.I protest this potential merger as there will be no way to control prices, which are already too high just to purchase most "Basic" Comcast charges. We are retired for some years and retirement checks have not kept up with cost of living. We do depend a great deal on cable TV to keep up with local and national news. With continued price increases, we would have no choice but to discontinue TV cable service.

#### Michael Kelly

Orinda, CA

.I pay \$130 a month for internet plus some fairly useless TV on cable. I pay \$8 a month for Netflix and even less for Amazon tv which we watch more than half the time. What sense does that make? Most of the TV is forced on me. If they have a more complete monopoly, it will get even worse.

Charles Fishburn Porterville, CA .I oppose this merger because it will eventually mean higher prices and lackadaisical service. Having a monopoly in any area is very bad for the consumer.

# bridget galvin

el cerrito, CA

.I oppose the proposed Comcast-Time Warner merger as I believe it will lead to even worse service and increased rates. We need the PUC to act on behalf of public interest rather than what is profitable for megacorporations. We need to break up this service providers so that we have more competition and better service at affordable rates.

## Robert Cruz

#### Gilroy, CA

.I oppose the proposed Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger in the STRONGEST TERMS. This merger would take two companies with extremely poor customer satisfaction and make them even more resistant to market pressures. Such a merger would create a behemoth with the power to distort pricing and dictate markets, all to the disadvantage of ordinary Californians. Please DO NOT allow this merger! Michael Parry Escondido, CA .I oppose the merger between Comcast and Time Warner. a de facto monopoly is only good for businesses never good for consumers. Besides, Comcast is everything thing that is wrong with big telecom and they have rotten customer service to boot. Thank you for your consideration

Jack Wiecks San Mateo, CA .I oppose the Comcast-Time Warner cable merger. Comcast is already too big and inefficient to give good service. Why make it worse by adding Time Warner??

Andre Bertauche Healdsburg, CA .I oppose the Comcast merger. Comcast service is non existent.

LEO G YOUNGER Sacramento, CA .I oppose such concentration of power.

Susan Acosta Inglewood, CA .I once had Comcast as my isp but they were terrible. I don't think bigger is better because a monopoly will ensure we have biased news tweaked in favor of the oligarchs. Enough is enough!! Ronlad Aubuchon

fortuna, CA

.I object strongly to the proposed "Takover" by both Time Warner and Comcast. I cannot see any good that comes to the consumer. What is happening is shrinking the choices I have whith no chance of choosing another supplier.

#### Damon Smith

Pleasant Hill, CA

.I need the internet to help with access being a disabled person. The cost I already pay Comcast is too much. These monopolies raise the cost of internet access, information and entertainment. We cant afford more mergers and it chokes the ability for democratic expression and information to make wise voting decisions. Please do the correct thing. No more mergers!

# Blake Russell

Sacramento, CA

.I made the mistake of signing up for Comcast's Triple Play program bundle via Infinity and immediately began receiving the worst customer experience of my life. The CS Agent I spoke with lied when she told me there was no charge for installation, under-quoted what my costs were on a monthly program, etc. When I cancelled under their 30-day money back guarantee, they sent my bill to a collection agency! It took me two months to get them to settle and honor the program. All we need is for them to gain monopolistic status with this money-grab.

# **Richard Betchley**

Fairfield, CA

.I love and use Comcast, BUT, if we allow this merger of Giants, we are creating a monster. Setting this precedent will set the trend to then swallow up the smaller internet companies, leaving only 2 giants. Aren't we getting closer to a monopoly and the violation of the Sherman act? Don't allow this! james cunningham Newark, CA .I lived in Delaware for years and when Comcast came in our bills just kept going higher and higher. do not let them do the same than here in Ca.

## Robert Cuthbertson

Jacksonville, FL

.I lived in California 26 years and hated that I had to use TW for cable. After I moved to Florida and had to use Comcast for my cable provider, I didn't even stay with them a year because they tried to change my service level and charge me more money. Just said "Screw COMCAST" and went to ATT for my TV service and watch a lot more netflix now. Don't let this merger happen, just one really bad company taking over a really bad company with no regards to the consumer.

Anisa Divine El Centro, CA .I live where only cable alternative is TimeWarner. This is monopoly not a marketplace. California does not need more of this.

#### Stacey Sklute

Los Ángeles, CA

.I live in the heart of West Los Angeles and Time Warner Cable is currently the only option I have for lousy internet service. If Comcast takes over there will be even less of a chance that I will get good service or have the option to switch companies when I do receive lousy service. There will be no incentive for Comcast to improve their service and there will be little chance that another company will be able to come in and compete.

### Kathleen Fowler

Alturas, CA

.I live in Modoc County, a remote rural area of California. What we need is more competition, better services, and lower prices in our area. If this merger goes through, we are unlikely to ever get either.

#### David Chenoweth

#### Mill Valley, CA

.I live in Marin County. About 10 years ago, Comcast bought the cable franchise from AT&T. They immediately raised the rates, and continued to raise the rates about evrey 9 months, for several years. They continue to rais and raise. About evrey 6 months I have to contact them about new charges they have added. If the competition gets reduced further by the proposed merger with Time Warner cable, Comcast will become more aggressive in their pricing. I urge you to deny this merger for the reason that there is no value added for the Comcast customers. Thank you

### GAIL SNOVELLE

#### El Centro, CA

.I live in El Centro, CA. Here there is only one cable company, Time Warner Cable. It has been this way since we came to this place in 1987. Although the cable company names have changed over the years it has been an absorption program, the smaller being eaten by the larger every time and the prices go up. If COMCAST is allowed to absorb Time Warner, prices in this area will again go up. The Imperial Valley is one of the lowest income areas and has the highest unemployment rate of the entire State of California. We have been dealing with one monopoly after another when it comes to what many see as a must have utility. Please do not allow this merger to happen in our State.

### Jamie Zazow

#### Santa Monica, CA

.I live in California as a Time Warner customer for the bulk of the year, and also spend part of the year doing home care for my elderly mother, when I am a Comcast customer. Although both companies do a fair job of supplying televised entertainment, they both do poorly as purveyors of speedy internet services, and both have terrible subpar customer service and both are horrendously overpriced. Taking away consumer choice and competition can only make them worse, and will do nothing to better serve public. In fact I am sure service will suffer if a merger happens,

#### Karen Jacques

#### Sacramento, AZ

.I live in a part of the city of Sacramento where Comcast is the only cable company. I go without cable because I absolutely will not pay Comcast one dime ever. Their practices are unethical (e.g. signing up seniors for the most expensive package when they requested the least expensive package and installing cable in such a way that it destroys property (I have done literally thousands of dollars of repair on my rental properties thanks to Comcast. Comcast has too much power already. Heaven help us i it grows even bigger. Helene Brazier Bonsall, CA

.I live 3 houses from a highway down which cable runs. The local cable companies will not consider serving a large group of homes just off the highway. Reducing the competition among cable companies, which is what this merger will produce, will hammer a nail in the coffin of our hopes tp receive cable service. The bigger the company, the less likely real people are to get service. Please do not approve this merger.

Cor van de Water Sunnyvale, CA .I like to have a choice. After the merger, there is no realistic choice, so no competition. Do not allow this monopoly to form under your watch.

## Suzanne Smith

## Los Angeles, CA

.I like my TWC service, for the most part, but I've had Comcast in another part of the country and they were DREADFUL! As it stands, one has virtually no choice already - if Comcast and TWC merge, we will have absolutely no choices, and the companies will have no incentive to improve. (That was the case in my prior residence, when Comcast had no competition.) We rely heavily on TWC for internet, as we live too far from the line for DSL. If Comcast comes in, our already high price will go higher, and our service will plummet. Been there, done that. Please, please DO NOT PERMIT THIS MERGER!!!

#### r. reyes

san luis obispo, CA

.I know the merger will not benefit by,they'll gouge every \$'s i have for profit w/o a real service., they'll will be now other co. to compete w/

#### Pat Becker

Santa Monica, CA

.I know people who have Comcast in their homes and NONE of them are happy with the service. If you allow a Comcast Time Warner merger, we will all be at the mercy of a huge giant. Rates will continue to go up and service will decline further if there is no competition in the market. Monopoly is NOT a very good thing.

### Cameron B Johnson

#### Orange, CA

.I know people who have Comcast and it is horrible! Also, I don't believe one company should have control of the cable/internet company in California or any where else for that matter. Sincerely, Cameron B Johnson 245-17 N Singingwood Orange, CA 92869-5705 Adam Lombard Encino, CA .I keep hearing that Comcast is worse than TWC. That CANNOT be good - especially if we don't have any choices!

## Eric Bratcher Hayward, CA

.I just want to cast my vote against the merger. Comcast has too much power already, and the company is not, as I've seen it claim, forced to merge in order to survive in the face of cutthroat competition. This merger would destroy competition and create exactly the kind of monopolistic super-power that the government took action to break up back when AT&T was born. It's a bad deal for consumers.

Paul Klinger Granada Hills, CA .I just switched phone service to TWC along with already having Cable and Internet. Am totally against having Comcast, since word of mouth on them has not been good. Keep TWC TWC, please! Margo McAuliffe Menlo Park, CA

.I hear nothing good about Comcast from friends who are stuck with it. I want nothing to do with it and I think EVERYONE should have a CHOICE. I don't ever want to "belong" to Comcast nor any other company. No to this merger! Whatever happened to our protection against monopolies? ARGH!!!!

Robert Graham Palmdale, CA .I hear from people in other states how bad Comcast is. So Don't need your in Calif. Time Warner is bad TOO~!! Autumn Stanley

Portola Valley, CA

.I haven't had personal experience with Comcast, but my past study of US history indicates that we oppose monopolies, or any combo of companies that dominates a given market and squeezes other, smaller companies out. This sounds like a monopoly to me! marker wiegand

Pacific Palisades, CA

.I have worked with Comcast before. Please do not let the Comcast management team have free rein on our internet space. Their team is power obsessed and it will do harm to the people of California. Thank you. Virginia Fahey Castillo Danville, CA

.I have watched the growth of the cable TV business from its infancy in the 1960s until now. Pricing has gone up, up, up!!! Allowing a merger of Time-Warner & Comcast (spin off from the old ATT Lucent Technology) is ridiculous. It means good-bye to any kind of decent pricing &/or competition. Please rule in favor of the common man and stop this merger! Thank you for listening.

# John McDonald

Campbell, CA

.I have watched Comcast continue to raise rates to the point that I only can afford basic cable. Basic cable channels have been reduced. I receive less channels almost no sports by their repackaging of bundles. This merger is anticompetitive and as a retired individual on fixed income I strongly oppose it. Grace Ricco-Pena

San Rafael, CA

.I have suffered through life with Comcast. They have the WORST customer service I have ever experienced with any company and I am 68 years old. It is inaccessible, unresponsive, unreliable and often rude.It is emblematic of how they do business. This merger must be prevented (just good common sense).

Jacqueline Mahrley Fullerton, CA .I have such bad service with Time Warner as it is. They are impossible to reach and everything they personally do for me costs a mint. Please do not allow this to happen.

Stephanie Easton Riverside, CA .I have refused to buy any cable because of Comcast Time Warner---Stop them now! John Crump San Jose, CA .I have not always appreciated the lack of competitiveness in Comcast service. As a consumer, I think allowing Comcast to merge with Time Warner Cable will be doing consumers a great disservice, coastto-coast. Lance Millspaugh Twain Harte, CA .I have lived from San Diego to Crescent City and San Luis Obispo to Twain Harte. Each place I've had internet service and TV. Prices just keep going up and the program quality goes down. This merger doesn't offer anything to consumers...it only make it easier for big business to once again charge more and deliver less. This merger is NOT what the public wants.

Pete McFarland Mill Valley, CA .I have lived at the same address for 50 years and every past merger has resulted in higher prices and less consumer choices. Please oppose the Comcast-Time Warner merger. LaVerne Uhte Mill Valley, CA

.I have hard of hearing friends in this retirement residence that depend on the Internet for keeping up with family and public affairs. It would be disastrous to limit them with a merger of Comcast and Time Warner. In some areas it would be a monopoly which always makes anything more expensive than many of our seniors can afford including me.

Arlene Pincus San Diego, CA .I have had to use this company in the past. Save us from them! Timothy Angle Los Angeles, CA .I have had service with both Time Warner and Comcast. Neither is at all responsive or helpful. time Warner sold me 6 maps service and then the tech said that was impossible where I lived. If Comcast dominates this area it will be BAD for EVERYONE except Comcast.
jean Veit San Rafael, CA .I have had many frustrating experiences with Comcast. I'm tired of hearing "I'm sorry"...And their rates just keep going up.....With the merger they will just become more dominant...

### JOHN TAYLOR HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

.I have had lousy service from Time Warner and I know people who have had lousy service from Comcast. I am against their merger.

Laura O'Shea Redwood City, CA .I have had it with rich companies getting bigger and monopolizing everything.

# D. Bryan

Simi Valley, CA

.I have had constant price increases from Time Warner over the years and awful customer service too. Friends who have Comcast are very unhappy with rising prices and bad service as well. We need more competition in this industry, not one gigantic company that controls prices and what we watch and puts everyone else out of business because they are such a powerful monopoly. Please stop the merger. It's not good for the American people.

Deborah Duriez

Carmichael, CA

.I have had Comcast in the past and was highly dissatisfied with both their service and their prices they should not be allowed tod dominate the cable business in California. It will be highly detrimental to all Californians.

# brad roon

# Upper Lake, CA

.i have had Comcast in another state where they sold their bandwidth to businesses and our promised coverage, internet speeds, and TV were slightly better than we could have had over a phoneline internet server. It was so bad, we couldn't download our ISP. Don't trust these greedy fools, don't let them get a foothold in the state because they are ONLY concerned about how they can get away with ripping off we the people, and you our servants.

#### Janus Matthes

Sebastopol, CA

.I have had Comcast for some years now and the service continues to deteriorate. Spam filters hardly work, customer service is a joke and has never solved one problem and the prices keep spiraling higher and higher for what reason? I live rurally and have little choice. Please deny this merger.

#### John Mead

Santa Cruz, CA

.I have had Comcast for many years/ The reason that I continued with them was that there was no other choice. I've endured many changes with no fore warning. There has never been an explanation of available channels along with prices. I hope that finally there will be an alternative to Comcast/

# Ruth Gingerich

# Carmel, CA

I have had Comcast for about 5 years. Cable internet is definitely faster, but the customer service is terrible. When I let up for the internet, the service person who came didn't reconnect something he disconnected and it cost me \$300 to have someone else come and figure it out. Comcast said he didn't cause the problem. Another time they were supposed to call to make an appointment to send out a tech to fix a problem, Never came and when called said they did. Many times on the phone the tech advice is bad. Prices are terrible.

Marvin Rofsky Indio, CA .I have found that over the years service has deminished and prices have risen. I believe we need more competition rather than less

### Don Langford

Westminster, CA

.I have family that live in Tn and in a comcast area. Comcast will not service the area because they say there are not enough people in the area so they have NO Phone, NO INTERNET OR TV SERVICE. There are a lot of homes in the area. Comcast can spend money like crazy but want do what's RIGHT.

# Janine Honey

### Soquel, CA

.I have experienced multiple service and billing problems with Comcast over the years. They compensated me recently with a free trial of HBO/Showtime, which is nice, but it was still a lot of trouble for me. The office on Soquel Ave. if often too busy and people just walk away rather than stand in line for service. J Angell Rescue, CA

.I have enough trouble with getting the service I paid for at the price I was promised and wish there were competitors to choose from (rural CA rarely has more than one high speed provider).. Dahlia Gelder

Santa Monica, CA

.I have endlessly read of the actions of Comcast. This should be a fair, regulated, neutral public utikity. I am mad about my lack of service opportunity (fiber is in all the homes byt not the apartments on this block nor where some friends live). I am mad that there is only one provider of internet fast enough for netflix. I am.mad that these providers have been given money by my government to do a job of providing high speed service and they have absorbed it as profit and not built up the infrastructure and YOU my government have not held them to the contract. I am mad that South Korea outdoes the USA in providing internet services. I am amazed that Finland et al call internet access a citizen's right and we don't. I am shocked that in my lifetime "Greatest Country" and "Home of Freedom" has been 1 1 /

#### LAURINDA CONYERS ORANGEVALE, CA

.I have Comcast. They kind of suck. They should not have anymore power over the public. They have already shown their greed. Break up the monopoly. Peggy Purnell Pleasanton, CA .I have comcast. I find it terribly consumer unfriendly. I want more and better choices! Please do not allow Time Warner Cable Merger. Thank you

Jackie Snell

San Jose, CA

.I have Comcast and I hate it. I used Time Warner in Ohio. I hate that equally. Please do not let them merge. That will only allow them to abuse customers (and competitors) even more. Americans are supposed to prize competition. Whose side are you on? Justin Broughton Mountain View, CA .I have Combat and their service is appalling. It will only get worse under this merger. Please block this. Billy Campbell Los Angeles, CA .I have both companies as providers. They are equally miserable. They are competing to provide the cheapest and worst possible service.

Robert Zadra Chico, CA .I have been over charged enough by Comcast as it is

### Robert Morrison

San Diego, CA

.I have been having enough issues with Time-Warner without it becoming part of an even more powerful near-monopoly. There pricing is abysmal and their service as bad. Comcast has a similar reputation and making them more powerful won't help. Please turn down the request for a merger.

# Robert Ketchum

San Jacinto, CA

.I have been a customer of Time Warner Cable for more than five years and I have seen my bill rise consistently while new customers are given lower (come on) rates for cable and internet. Time Warner promises more channels, most are repeats of the same channels they offer already or foreign language channels I don't watch. Time Warner has a monopoly in this area and the prices keep on going up. It's time to stop the madness.

### **Dennis** Presson

San Francisco, CA

.I have been a Comcast customer for years and have had occasional lousy experiences. I recently had to get a new modem because they said my old one would soon be obsolete and I had to return the first two because they were defective. The technician who installed the third one said they were not made as well as the old ones. That meant that my phone and internet were out for days. The monthly cost is already too high and we need more competition, not less.

### Ann Wasgatt

Roseville, CA

.I have already opted out of TV because of the high cost of cable. Monopolies NEVER mean lower prices, so I will probably never watch cable again if Comcast comes to CA. Rhonda Pardi Citrus Heights, CA

.I had to move in a hurry 2 years ago due to black mold. I could not transfer my suewest; instead I was forced to take Comcast. I want choices.

### DONALD NEELY Cupertino, CA .I HAD ENOUGH EXPERIENCE WEITH Comcast AT timeshares to know that they are the poorest run communications giant around. To permit this merger would be a travesty for all of us who work so hard or have worked so hard for our money. This is their get-

rich quick example and it must not pass .PLEASE!

PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN1111

# Kate Berman pasadena, CA .i had Comcast no choice for years in zvA. Don't let this corp into CA. Thanks

### Elizabeth M Darovic MONTEREY, CA

I had Comcast internet for about two years. They were expensive, unreliable and corrupt. The internet went down regularly and was slow, in spite of their claims of having the fastest service. When their employee installed my internet service, he used a very easy password to set it. When my internet got hacked, Comcast charged me to reset it and charged me an extra \$25 month to keep it unhacked. That is in addition to their already high fees. I switched to the one other option, AT&T, which isn't great either, but they are better than Comcast. We KNOW that monopolies are unethical and lead to corruption. Why is this merger even on the table? We all know it's wrong.

Wynann Brownell Palm Desert, CA .I had Comcast in WA and didn't like it's high prices and lousy service! For God's sake leave our internet alone and stop tying to take over eveything you can and ruining it for all the rest of us!

Phil Watkins Sacramento, CA .I got rid of Comcast due to their service and escalating bills. Never had such bad service. Barbara Ardinger Long Bach, CA .I get lousy service from Charter. Let's have cable TV from a menu. Only the channels we want. Margaret CAT H I E Somerset, CA .I feel trapped by my cable company now, I don't need less choice to pay more to watch the same TV shows! sincerely, Margaret Cathie P0836 Somerset, CA 95684

### Rex Beaver

Fountain Valley, CA

.i feel this merger will take away the completion and make it much easier for them to raise cable prices. While only one cable company is allowed already, at least with both they try to be competitive price wise. I see no way at all that this merger is helpful to the consumer! John Charles San Francisco, CA .I feel this merger is a bad thing for all of California and am against it most defiantly !!

Paul A. Davis Palm Springs, CA .I feel that TWC already has me in a stranglehold with its monthly charges for Internet and telephone service... but at least there is some competition available... we don't need this monopoly! Eric Logan

Mojave, CA

.I feel that this merger would be a bad idea. We need more competition, not less. Customer service is bad enough as it is, and if they merge i feel it will be much worse.

#### Martin Gross

Los Gatos, CA

.I don't worry about to big to fail. Each of these giants on their own are failing their customers in a colossal way and if they merged they would have even less incentive to serve their customers rather than profits and would then be able to dail their customers in a super colossal way. No merger.

#### Susan Zsigmond

San Francisco, CA

.I don't want to see the public airwaves exploited by Comcast...it is unjust and detrimental to all users. I pay very high prices for a service that never lives up to Comcast's promises.

Joan Jurancich Sacramento, CA .I don't want to see a monopoly controlling cable service in much of California, including Sacramento, where I live. Please do NOT approve the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger.

Gary Gall Cambria, CA .I don't want my internet controlled by a big corporation who wants to limit my access.

Rich Williams Antioch, CA .I don't want monopoly prices from Comcast. daniel gonzalez los angeles, CA .I don't want Comcast to take over Time Warner Cable. This would give Comcast an aunfair advantage by letting it have a monopoly over other internet providers, and I already don't like Comcast's political, economic and customer service policies.

### Ellen Potthoff

Martinez, CA

.I don't want Comcast to dominate my choices. They have enough ridiculous policies already. Anti-trust laws are meant to protect the consumer. If this merger goes through is it anything but a monopoly? We broke up the phone company for the same reason. Please do not repeat the mistake of allowing another monopoly to form.

nusheen sahebi Beverly Hills, CA .I don't want comcast to dominate my choices

Robert Easthope Sunnyvale, CA .I don't want Comcast to dominate California's cable and internet market

### JAMES WEIRICK

Glendale, CA

I DON'T WANT COMCAST TO COME NEAR MY CITY. IT'S VERY WELL KNOWN THAT THEIR CUSTOMER SERVICE AND FOLLOW-UP IS INFERIOR. TO WHO? THE ANSWER IS MY BUNDLER, CHARTER COMM. I'M OVER THE MOON WITH THIS SERVICE AND DON'T WANT ANYONE, LET ALONE COMCAST, MONKEYING AROUND WITH MY EXCEPTIONAL PRICES AND SERVICE. SERIOUSLY, JAMES K. WEIRICK

David Sands

Aliso Viejo, CA

.I don't want another monopoly in California I refused to pay high prices because the cable companies have a lot of money to put into the politicians pockets,we elected you not the lobbyists enough is enough Diane Berliner Los Angeles, CA .I don't want a time warner/comcast merger !!!! It won't help me or anyone I know. Thank you for listening. Shirley Matulich Chico, CA .I don't use cable and I have no intention of using it in the future! I do not belong to comcast.

Robyn Botsch Arcata, CA .I don't think 1 company should have control over the market. Rich DeBolt Poway, CA

.I don't see how the proposed merger would benefit me. It looks as though what little competition we have now would be eliminated. All the major markets would be controlled by the merged company. Don't allow this proposed merger proceed.

Ron Webb Visalia, CA .I don't see how less competition will help. We already have Comcast. I would like someone to explain why adding Time Warner would lower my cost or make things better. Marlene Lieberman Berkeley, CA

.I don't see any benefit to consumers with this merger. I do see a loss of net neutrality creeping in. If I decide to use cable tv, service may prove worse and prices higher. I am also very worried that we'll end up with slow and express lanes instead of public broadband protection. Phyllis Reed Fresno, CA .I don't like the idea of Comcast buying Time/Warner, thus making a monopoly and taking all TV viewers and internet users subject to prices inflating and no alterntives but to pay whatever this conglomerate chooses toi charge.

Sharon jensen Sunnyvale, CA .I dont believe this merger will benefit me or anyone else. Comcast is already a difficult company to deal with.

Deanna Knickerbocker Cupertino, CA .I don't believe that this merger is in the best interest of California consumers. Please don't allow this to go forward. Thank you.

Richard Baerresen Rancho Cordova, CA .I don,t think this merger will help me. I have delt with Comcast before and was not happy with the results.

Annette Baker Stockton, CA .I do not want the Time Warner cable MergerThis not a good idea.

Shirley Rennels Escondido, CA .I DO NOT WANT THE MERGE!!!!! randy newlin san jose, CA .I do not want one provider to dominate the entire market. Yolanda Vaughn Alameda, CA .I do not want Comcast to take over Time Warner Cable because Comcast just about has taken over every thing already. The service is poor and we need more choices available.

Victoria Ryan Port Costa, CA .I do not want Comcast to dominate my media choices Time Warner merger is a very bad idea of consumers. Alonna Farrar Vista, CA .I do not want Comcast for any utility. They are bad for consumers.

WALTER F BOWRON San Jose, CA .I DO NOT WANT COMCAST /TIME WARNER TO DOMINATE THE CHOICES THAT I WANT TO MAKE IN CALIFORNIA. PLWse do not approve the merger. Daniel MacManus San Diego, CA

.I do not want a monopoly established with the takeover of Time Warner by Comcast. I have an MBA and understand the resulting comflicts that will occur and reduction of competetion with this merger. PLEASE do not allow this to happen in California and across the United States. Best regards, Daniel Karen Hartland Los Angeles, CA .I do NOT want a Comcast monopoly in California. As a consumer, I have the right to choose which businesses I purchase from. Allowing Comcast to take over Time Warner would eliminate my basic consumer rights.

John Penn phelan, CA .I do not support Comcast take over of Time Warner.

Philip Clements Canyon Country, CA .I do not subscribe to the "Bigger is Better" faction. I think combining 2 behemoths who are not well regarded by customers is NOT going to improve the service to us--their customers. We are the reason for their existence. And I say no to the merger.

Jean griffith valley center, CA .I do not like time warner, nor do I like comcast. Leave the internet and tv stations alone! I will boycott you.

melvin taylor

### Sacramento, CA

.I do not like Comcast or any one else to select my or my family's view. This supposed to be a choice one makes for their viewing pleasure, not a force fed decision by a cable company. We would like to select or not select channels that do not meet our stands of view or ones we do not feel is worth viewing period. The selections should be ours, since "we are playing" for it and not the cable companies giving us "free" viewing. There is a lot of "crap" on the dial as it is and we did not request and should not be paying for. They drop channels and "do not" give us reduction in pricing, nor do they ask us to select a replacement. A merger would only make maters worst.

Ron Schiltz Los Banos, CA .I do not believe the merger of Comcast and Time Warner is in the best interest of most California cable users.

### Lawrence Lujan PICO RIVERA, CA

.I do not believe the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is in the best interests of the residents of California. More consolidation will result in less competition making the likelihood of increased service costs, less choice and poor reliability a certainty as evident in the telephone company mergers. In the best interests of Californians, I urge you to reject the merger. Pamela Scott Boulder Creek, CA

.I do not believe that any one company should have a monopoly in any form of business. It leads to higher prices and decreased services. I oppose this merger and ask you to do the same.

Chris Moore Sacramento, CA .I do not approve of the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger because the current services from major companies are too expensive and subject to continuous increases. The merger would reduce choice and competition.

# Barbara Nagy

Torrance,	CA

.I disconnected because of the high prices. I use Hulu for free. Allowing a huge monopoly to form from two customer-unfriendly giants would be a huge disservice to the peopleof California.

Timothy LaLonde Corona, CA .I disagree with the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable since I believe it will result in insufficient competition in the markets they serve; and result in higher prices for cable, internet & phone service; prices I believe are already too high. Thank you.

GEORGE wight Antioch, CA .I definitely oppose this merger. monopolize the industry then charge what ever you want.

### Patrick Kerans San Luis Obispo, CA

.I can't think of a worse media outcome for Californians than this. Two massive, poorly run organizations getting together to supposedly improve market conditions. It defies logic to believe bringing these behemoths together will improve conditions for Californians. Service will get worse. Choice will decrease. Competition will decrease. What's good about this?

# STAFF SERGEANT SANDRA K. FOLEY, USA, RETIRED

Antelope, CA

I CAN'T STAND COMCAST, FOR I HAVE HAD THEM FOR MANY YEARS, AND THEY ARE NOTHING BUT CROOKS. I WILL NEVER LET COMCAST TAKE OVER MY COMPUTER CONSCRIPTION ON THE INTERNET, AND THAT WILL BE A FACT THEY CAN COUNT ON!!

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David Zielke San Francisco, CA .I can't see how this merger could help me at all. No monopoly is in my best interests, only theirs. Please block this alarming merger at all costs!

### Janis Gazzara

### Escondido, CA

I can't even recognize this country anymore. When will someone watch out for the people. STOP THE COMCAST TIME WARNER CABLE merger and let the people retain some freedom. Life is not all about someone making money and controlling others. I'm really tired and weary of the direction this country is going. Please don't let this happen. As it is, we only live on social security and can't afford all the taxes and regulations that keep coming our way. Now someone wants to control the internet. Please help us.

Kristine Idarius

San Mateo, CA

.I can't emphasize enough how much I am against the domination of monopolies taking over, especially in communication. Its deeply disturbing and so very un-American. Cindy Sanders Studio City, CA .i can't afford the continual rate hikes with my cable company. The PUC is there to help the consumer. Please help by preventing the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Leila Zai San Diego, CA

.I can't afford cable NOW. Yes, I have a job, and no, it doesn't leave enough after living expenses to pay for cable service. Allowing this obscene merger will only raise prices. Too many households are either cut out of the process by high (and constantly rising) rates, or they sacrifice on needs so that their children can watch the same shows the kids' friends see. They shouldn't have to make such a choice. This nation used to be for all of us. Not now.

John Di Thommaso SR Winchester, CA .I can't afford a higher bill I only make \$443.00 a month.....

Ellsworth Hedman San Ramon, CA .I believe this is a VERY bad idea!

### Loretta Griep

Castro Valley, CA

.i believe that when companies get to large and there is no individual treatment they are too big to help the individual . Also there is no competition in these markets and the individual suffer. Look at the airlines there isn't much competition and so they continue raise all their fees any time they want. There isn't any cost cutting any more do ever hear of fare wars? Sincerely, Loretta Griep 19068 crest ave. Castro Valley,ca 94546

Raymond Hutchinson Dana Point, CA .I believe that this proposed meerger will be very bad for we California consumers and it will greatly reduce the competitive market David Zentner Milpitas, CA .I believe that this merger would create too much of a monopoly and that it would not be in the public's best interest. Phoebe McFadden Valencia, CA .I believe that the world of media is already in the hands of too few companies and that further concentration will be bad for both consumers and providers of media whether it be in the area of information or entertainment.

leonard jolley napa, CA .I believe that the proposed merger is not in the best interests of Californians, and certainly not for me. Please act on our behalf and block this merger.

Mayso Wilburn San Diego, CA .I believe that the merger will be a complete disaster for the consumer. I urge you no not allow this to happen.

william ferguson

orange, CA

.I believe it is imperative to maintain a competitive market place in California in order to keep pricing economically affordable. If Comcast acquires Time Warner, prices will increase more rapidly than without it. The only entity that will benefit from this proposed acquisition is Comcast - not Californian's. I hope you will not agree to this proposed merger. Lawrence Mitchell

Tarzana, CA

.I believe a merger of Comcast and Time Warner will produce an unfortunate situation where one company can dominate an industry. This will harm me as a consumer. Please do not permit this merger. Laura Jones-Bedel

San Diego, CA

.I ask you to consider all the people who will have no service if Comcast wins. Already, many of us on fixed incomes are having to eliminate our connectivity because of existing high prices. Where does it end?

#### Paul Han

Napa, CA

.I and my family do not wish to see Comcast dominate the California Cable supply. We are opposed to Comcast's merger with Time Warner Cable. Let there be more market choices and competition. I urge you to deny the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Thank you.

# K. Nilsen

Ben Lomond, CA

.I am writing to express my objection and fierce opposition to consolidation of Comcast with Time Warner Cable. It would amount to a monopoly and further limit customer choice and price options. Comcast's prices continue to rise unabated and their "service" is a model of how NOT to run a business if you are concerned about customer satisfaction. The only reason people don't change is because they do not have access to other options. Consolidation is not in the best interest of Californians like me and should be blocked. Thank you for considering my recommendation.

# ed atkins

boulder creek, CA

.I am writing to urge you to block the comcast merger with time warner.this proposed merger would set up an unacceptable monopoly,and I very strongly urge you to block this merger.thank you.

# **Richard Martinez**

### Campbell, CA

.I am writing to ask that you publicly oppose the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger that is before the Federal Communications Commission. This merger will lead to a very concentrated market-share that will in turn drive prices higher with no commensurate societal benefit. My family, like many of your constituents, has already experienced the frustration of not having the ability to choose a different cable provider. While there are other services that are similar (such as satellite), the current market behaves more like an oligopoly, which explains why providers are not shy about raising their rates each year. Reducing competition is precisely what is not needed. I believe it is imperative for our elected/appointed officials to speak out against this merger because the interests of 1 1 11 0 ...

### Jeri Opalk

San Jose, CA

.I am waiting for the day when our government stops allowing corporations to take away our choices. Slowly but surely they've been allowed to take, take, take from us. Please stop allowing this. Thank you.

# Janis Augusteijn

Simi Valley, CA

.I am very concerned about one company monopolizing the industry. We have anti-trust laws, seems to me these big merges are accomplishing the same thing. A change is needed here.

# Jim Bellomy

### Martinez, CA

I am very AGAINST the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Comcast came out one day, Friday, a few years ago when I was their customer, and unbeknownst to me, they cut off my internet during the workday. It worked in the morning, but not that night. They claimed I needed a new modem, which seemed odd as it was only 6 months old (my own). After much checking and debate with them, I finally went to a retailer that was shutting down their business and I bought a new modem at a good price, came home and hooked it up--still no internet. Called and talked to a very rude young woman who kept telling me that the new modem must be defective, and then she said she couldn't hear me and that if I had their service for phone my phone service would be fine. I had never had a problem with anyone

# David Baird

Royal Oaks, CA

.I am totally opposed to the Comcast Time Warner merger. We will not be better served by a large conglomeration of cable operators who could raise prices or give less service because we would have no choice but to go along. Pleas say no to this merger. Sincerely, David Baird 465 Hidden Valley Rd. Royal Oaks Ca. 95076 Eileen Sargent San Jose, CA .I am totally opposed to having huge corporations controlling local media, prices, and my choices in media content. No Comcast merger with Time Warner!

Chris Archer Chino Hills, CA .I am totally against this merger. It is not in the best interests of consumers. Helen Webb Redlands, CA .I am totally against this merger. It will help no one but the two companies, certainly not the customers.

## Gloria Bealer

Santa Rosa, CA

.I am tired of them just changing the station I get any time they choose. I get fewer and fewer channels but the cost keeps going up. I subscribe to the basic Comcast and 2/3 of the channels I get are Hispanic. Since I do not speak Spanish these are useless to me. They scramble them and every time they do I lose channels. I do not want them to be the dominant carrier in my area.

John Lape Vacaville, CA .I am tired of rapidly rising rates and increasingly poorer service. please stop Concast's power grab.

### Bill Gette Pleasanton, CA .I am tired of poor service and constantly increasing prices for Comcast services. Allowing this merger will only make a bad situation much worse. Please vote for more choice in cable service, not less.

elizabeth alvarez Modesto, CA .I am tired of huge corporations controlling markets, We need smaller companies to stay in the competiton.It's that simple.

Virginia Keeler-Wolf Oakland, CA .I am tired of Comcast's poor service if you let them take over time warner you are creating a virtual monopology.

# Scott Trappe

# Los Altos, CA

.I am strongly opposed to the proposed Comcast / Time Warner Cable merger. We already lack any real choice in our selection of Internet Service Providers; this will only make a bad situation worse. Many countries have far superior internet access than the U.S.; with no competition Comcast has no incentive to broaden access, increase transmission speeds and capacity, or improve customer service. Please reject this anticonsumer proposal.

**Brian Boortz** Los Gatos, CA .I am strongly opposed to any further infringements by Comcast, especially in California.

Donna Hartl

Pleasanton, CA

.I am strongly opposed to allowing Comcast to merge with Time Warner. Their prices are already too high, and without any competition they will only climb higher. Lack of competition is a deadly situation for consumers, whether for cable or anything else. Please block this merger!

Anne Watts Santa Rosa, CA .I am strongly against this merger. I think it will only benefit Comcast and be a huge detriment to the people. Consumers and business folk alike.

Chris OMeara Dietrich San Jose, CA

.I am strongly against the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. I have had consumer dealings with both companies and can say with certainty that both are only concerned with their bottom line--in my experieces their consumer service was demeaningly bad and their price gouging is bad, was ongoing. This merger will hurt California consumers, do not let it happen!

# Robert Sykes

Salinas, CA

.I am speaking in opposition to Comcast's takeover of Time Warner Cable. I don't believe that the takeover is in Californians' best interest as Comcast's current high prices and poor service does not warrant a greater share of the state market.

Kim Courtney

San Francisco, CA

.I am so tired of this lock in. If you want TV you have to pay alot of money for very little service. I can barely afford this luxury without cutting something out of my budget and I make 60k. unbelievable

 Sharon Cagey Sherman Oaks, CA .I am so opposed to this merger, I feel like our rights as consumers of what to purchase for tv is being a taken away, and having to pay more to watch tv.

Benjamin Yee Saratoga, CA .I am sick of the high price and poor service provided by Comcast through out the years. I say "NO" tp the Comcast / Time Warner Cable mergert.

steve abrams Los Angeles, CA .i am sick of lousy service ,high prices and low speeds comapred to other countries. Just say No to this merger.

### Elizabeth Burgess

### Carmichael, CA

.I am retired living on a fixed income-- I have a small eBay business which I run on a shoestring to help with my living expenses. My biggest expense each month is not eBay store or listing fees but rather my internet connection. That connection needs to remain reliable and affordable so that I can do my sales research, download photos, and communicate with buyers responsively. Any increases in cost or inefficiency would jeopardize my customer service and reduce my marginal profits. With the current service already difficult for me to afford I can't envision paying more to have a lower level of internet service. I want to be on a level playing field with regard to internet access as all the big store and major sellers so that I can reach buyers efficiently who are looking for items I sell. Please don't 

# Jennifer Booth

### Lafayette, CA

.I am really depressed by the dismal state of TV in this country. In 2002 I visited England and tried to find something watchable on their TV, to no avail. I remember thinking how glad I was to return to the US and decent TV stations. Well, Comcast has changed all of that, and now we get hundreds of crappy channels, and our TV is worse than Europe's. To allow this company to monopolize markets in California is not only rewarding mediocrity, it is anti-free market!!! George Vye Ventura, CA .I am presently a Time-Warner customer but if this outrageous deal goes through you can let them know that I will be an ex-customer. I may anyway; their rates have become onerous.

Neil Nordquist Novato, CA .I am opposed to the merging of Comcast and Time Warner. Service and prices are bad enough as they are now.

Mary Glanville

Berkeley, CA

.I am opposed to the merger of Comcast with Time Warner, because I believe that it gives too much power to one organization... which will ultimately result in reduced services and increased prices for the consumer. It's already a nightmare to deal with Comcast. Any merger with Comcast is surely a disaster in the making. Bernadette Harvey

San Diego, CA

I am opposed to the Comcast merger with Time Warner Cable. If allowed, this merger would create an unfair dominance in the marketplace which would be a disadvantage to consumers. Our economy needs to encourage a healthy competitive marketplace in providing public services to the people.

Joel Nathaniel Los Angeles, CA .I am opposed to the Comcast Merger as it would dominate the Ca market. I don't think this will benefit me or Ca. I believe cable prices will go sky high. shirley mckinley Bakersfield, CA .I am on a very limted income and can not aford cable I watch what I can with what I have Please don't take this away from so many people doing this shirley mckinley KENNETH HENDERSON Lake Foreast, CA .I am NOT in favor of the Comcast Time Warner Merger. David Gross Burbank, CA .I am not in favor of monopolies. If this is allowed then that is what we will have in most of the heavily populated areas. How about requiring open access to their network like the phone companies?

Oscar Amaya San Diego, CA .I am not in favor of Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable. Pay TV services have been skyrocketing over the last few years and allowing this merger will only make it worse since the market will begin to resemble a monopoly. Please vote NO!

Ken Englert Marina Del Rey, CA .I am not in favor of anything that will limit my choises in the future and force me to pay higher costs

Deborah Hixson Imperial Beach, CA .I am NOT going to tolerate high prices and even worse services that we have already! SAY NO! to the Comcast merger and BOYCOTT! BOYCOTT! BOYCOTT! Julian Harvey Redondo Beach, CA .I am not a Time Warner customer BUT consider the proposed merger with Comcast to be against the consumer public interest in providing a variety of Internet service providers and competition among them in California. Vernon Smith Rohnert Park, CA .I am much opposed to the Comcast Time Warner merger. Comcast is already such a giant no one can control their rate increases. Hugh Macdonald San Jacinto, CA .i am happy with TWC and feel that a merger would not be beneficial to California residents so please do not allow the merger.

Sandy Chapman Windsor, CA .I am for competition, retired from a huge corporation that was broken up in the 80's. AT&T was deemed a monopoly. Why rebuild monopolies, especially when there is very little regulation? Klaus Gruetzner Saint Helena, CA .I am feeling already hostage to Comcast with their steady rate increases without any real improvement. Their customer service is already useless. So what really would change? Less performance higher rates.

### Michael DeGrand

Sacramento, CA

.I am fed up with high cost cable and internet services. It seems that Comcast and AT&T have colluded to set prices extremely high. As a retired person, I can no longer afford services. I am forced to rely on over the air limited services and no internet. Michael Metzler Santa Rosa, CA .I am concerned that the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner will cause lack of competition and increased prices in California. Please do not approve this merger. Ravid Raphael Santa Barbara, CA .I am concerned about Comcast's takeover of Time Warner cable. It will decrease competition, increase prices to consumers and diminish its already poor customer service. William Cromer San Francisco, CA

.I am an OTA user for the past year because of Comcast and their underhanded policies. I am in my seventies and have dealt with many businesses on good and bad terms. I have never in my life had so many negative interactions as I had with Comcast. I can just imagine what's it going to be for those poor cable slaves if you allow this to happen. But, I frankly wouldn't be surprised. For this ridiculous merger to even have a whisper of credibility and be put up for a vote just goes to prove that with deep pockets anything is possible,

Rose Henderson Los Angeles, CA .I am alteady paying channels that I don't ever watch,just to get the channels that I want. Can you image what it would be like if these two companies merge.

Deborah Winant Santa Barbara, CA .I am against this merger as it inevitably eliminates competition and will cause price increases Please vote no on this merger.

Gordon Graham Nicasio, CA .I am against the Time Warner - Comcast merger. Gordon Graham Mateo Hevezi Concord, CA .I am against the proposed merger of Time Wrner and Comcast. Do not approve this. Virginia Hallerberg Chula Vista, CA .I am against the merger. I am afraid it looks like a monopoly and will raise rates for all of us.

### ROBERT HOWE

Manteca, CA

.I am against the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. There needs to be the competition for business to attempt to keep prices in line. As it is Comcast raises it's prices too often. Soon it will be difficult or impossible for the average family to afford cable and internet services. Please deny this merger.

Mark Takayama Anaheim, CA .I am against the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. I am tired of the poor service, the high prices, and the lack of any acceptable customer service. Please do not allow this merger to take place. Thank you.

joy beckstrom Hacienda Heights, CA .I am against the merger

Edwin Chuong

Monrovia, CA

.I am against the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Competition among cable providers is a more effective and responsive driver of innovation and customer service than the proposed economy of scale (a.k.a. monopoly or bureaucracy). Please allow competition for consumers and not a monopoly's board of directors to determine what is best for the marketplace. John K. Miles Turlock, CA

.I am against the Comcast / Time Warner Cable merger because it affects my ability to choose who I want to serve my computer and television needs. The cable monopolies have driven of prices and have not fulfilled any promises to improve service. Sincerely, John K. Miles, 1911 El Camino Drive Turlock CA 95380-3524 Larry Pine Campbell,, CA

I am against letting Comcast join with Time Warner. The way to stop a monopoly is to let them use their extra money for the shareholders or better service to the existing customers. It does seem that Comcast is not going under at this time Joyce R. Farber San Francisco, CA .I am against Comcast's being the only cable company in California and I do not believe in monopolies and want to have a choice

### Constance Farris

Merced, CA

.I am absolutely against the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Comcast already controls vast portions of California's cable market and to give them even more territory amounts to holding the California consumer market captive to them. Please do your job as rate payer advocates and stop this merger before Comcast takes over. This is not a market that benefits from monopoly.

### Barry Gerber

Los Angeles, CA

.I am a very dissatisfied customer of Time Warner high prices, limited content, lousy service. I really don't want to become a dissatisfied customer of Comcast. In the Internet age, the cable/satellite model of content delivery is outmoded, inefficient and, most importantly, contrary to consumer and public needs and interest. Please stop the merger!

### marla green Chula Vista, CA

.I am a subscriber of Cox Cable. Most would think this wouldn't affect me. But if Comcast has the ability to command the cable and especially the internet for such a large amout of users, I know my small cable company will not be able to compete with them as far as internet content and programing, or, to compete, my bill will rise to the point that I will have to got to Starbucks, or Mac Donald's to be able to continue to see the internet sites I want to see. New providers of internet content won't have a chance. Please vote NO to keep Comcast from becoming such a huge player in this game. Sincerely, Marla Green 1152 Melrose Ave. Chula Vista, CA 91911

### Sharon Cohen

#### Hemet, CA

.I am a senior on a limited income and live in an area where you have to have cable to watch tv, (Hemet, in Riverside Co.) Time Warner has very poor customer service agents. If this merger goes thru, they can control all the costs for all of CA.

### Ted Gallagher

Carmichael, CA

.I am a relative new Comcast customer of less than 6 months. I have been our so service at least 1 day per week. Comcast needs to improve service to customers and then let them grow. The company does not deserve any consideration to grow until it proves its worth to the consumer

# Richard J Jackson Berkeley, CA

.I am a physician who uses Comcast at home. The service is inadequate, the signal vacillating, the cost exorbitant, the phone response almost non-existent. That said, the personnel who come to the house are almost always excellent-- and they hold their management in the same disgust we the rest of the public do.

### Mark Heitner

San Francisco, CA

.I am a physician and receive faxes via Comcast. My Comcast connection has failed repeatedly, placing patients at risk. Comcast support is terrible - just check Yelp. The bill I got from them was wrong every month. If this merger goes through, there will be no reason for Comcast to improve their service. This continues to threaten my patients.

# Nancy Peden

Monterey, CA

.I am a disabled person who very much values my services, computer and tv and to a lesser degree, my landline. My Comcast bill first when to 135 and now has been upped to 157. I can no longer afford this and need alternatives but they are hard to find and require a lot of energy a Senior like myself lacks.

# Shelley Alonso

Los Gatos, CA

.I am a current comcast customer because where I live comcast seems to have a monopoly (which I thought was illegal when AT&T is available in Silicon Valley) I do not get a choice if I want internet service. I absolutely HATE comcast. It has no concern at all for customer service because it can get away with it if it is the only offer available. Do not allow this merger and make comcast /timewarner a monoply in the whole state.

Alex Munguia Daly City, CA .I am a Comcast subscriber who pays enough already Tom Leonard

Berkeley, CA

.I am a Comcast subscriber for broadband and not an unhappy one. But enough is enough and varied sources of content and transmission serves all of us best.

Marie Beckham Aptos, CA .I am a Comcast customer. I'd love to try a different cable company because I don't think they do the greatest job for their customers.

Thomas R Boughton Mill Valley, CA .I am a Comcast customer, and I'm appalled by its actions

### Leila Raim Petaluma, CA

.i am a Comcast customer. Their service is far from satisfactory; always having glitches, abominable wait times when we call to report all the frequent problems. We are locked into getting many channels we do not want in order to get ones we do want. Their ability to solve their many problems is sadly lacking ... And their charges are way too high. They need to be reined in, not allowed to expand and gobble up ever more reluctant customers,

# Jim Jeffery Galt, CA

.I am a Comcast customer. I find this company's ethics questionable. Recently I dropped Comcast Cable but kept their internet. That was a mistake. I made that decision because I thought, based on product advertisements, the price seemed low. I am now paying a premium price for the "slowest" internet service they offer. Comcast is very steady and predictable. In my experience, this company will offer the least expensive product (for them) at the highest price the market will bare. Unfortunately, the least responsive customer service is also part of the equation. In one example, I was offered a discount on my cable/internet service if I would consider adding a land-line phone. I accepted their offer only to find that subsequent to this new agreement, I was being charged individually for each 11 А Т

charlotte flynn santa cruz, CA

.I am a comcast customer and live in area where there is no other choice do to the topography. I am forced to pay double what other companies charge. Don't give them anymore power than they already have. I am a senoir on a fixed income and spend alot of time at home, tv is my link to the outside world. I don't have the movie channel do have internet and phone and my monthly bill is \$195.00 please stop the madness Jo Siders Murphys, CA .I am a Comcast and do not want my rates to skyrocket. Another big merger is not in the interests of the consumer.

### Sigrid Illes San Jose, CA

.I am 70 yrs old and I have lived long enough to have seen time and time again how limiting production of a product to only a few companies results in higher prices for the consumer. In the US we already pay prices for internet connection that are a lot higher than my relatives in Europe. We need to be looking for ways to reduce the price charged consumers here. This merger will do the opposite ... the results will be even higher prices for us.

Eileen Clifford Fremont, CA .I already have few options for cable and fast internet. Merging Comcast and Time Warner is insanity and will be horrible for consumers. Please don't allow it! shelley keneipp santa cruz, CA .I absolutely dread trying to deal with Comcast. The service is the absolute worst of any company I have ever dealt with. They need competition. And the Public Utilities Commission does nothing to help the consumer with this. NO NO NO to Comcast.

Margie Mulligan Hemet, CA .How many times do we the people need to say that mergers of Comcast and Time Warner do not serve our interests. Monopolies and large companies mean raised prices, less choice.

Joel Phipps Long Beach, CA .How does giving one company this much of the market share help consumers? Sandra Blinn Cameron Park, CA

.How can we "regular" folks have a fair shake once you big guys join forces and say--"Oh1 You don't want to pay xx price? Then we can't help you here anymore." It should NOT be about only money, but keeping our Country fair for all of us to partcipate. Michael Thomas Goleta, CA .How can this merger possibly be competitive?There is none and guess what, we the consumer lose again.

Rosanne Gephart Santa Rosa, CA .How can the small business ever compete if the companies keep getting bigger and bigger? Illana Weisman Walnut Creek, CA

.How can it possibly be in my interest to allow a single company to dominate the California market? The PUC has the power to stop monopolies. Please exercise your common sense and your power to stop the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger and give competition at least some space in the California market.

leonard zamkoff

san diego, CA

.History has shown that mega-mergers like this increase costs to consumers of the product/service provided. The merger of two companies with terrible reputations for service will without doubt provide worse service. It's already almost a monopsony. Enough, please!

Rodolfo Valencia Riverside, CA .Hell to the NOOOOOO! We want a selection of small and large companies to choose from. We want lower prices. Doreen Henkelman Somis, CA .Hell no!!! Robert C Brown San Carlos, CA .Healthy competition is what American commerce is all about. Don't let Comcast do away with that here in California. Stop the Time Warner Cable merger. Keep prices in check with -- wait for it -- competition.

Joseph White Cool, CA .Healthy competition can only occur when there are at least three healthy competitors in a given field. Anything less is monopolistic and requires close government regulation. David Blair

San Francisco, CA

.having used comcast in 2 states I feel that they do not show any real interest in their clients. Just look at their billing statements each month, no one can understand their billing including their employees. Clarity in biling should be required.

### Terry Story

Palmdale, CA

.Having two bad companies become one is a bad idea at the outset and I definitely oppose this happening. If they were able to get their customer service issues straight I might feel differently, but that is unlikely at best, and they are the two worst companies in the business at the moment! Michael Koterba

Redding, CA

.Having lived in areas of the country served by Comcast I am strongly recommending that you vote No on the Comcast Warner Cable Merger. Wherever we have encountered Comcast they have created a monopolistic approach to eliminating competitors and then continually raise their prices to offset the cost of eliminating the competitors. Whenever competition remains the cost of cable, phone, and internet services is reduced because of the competition. TeiJae Taylor Richmond, CA .Haven't we been through this with PG&E? We as residents of California should not be forced to participate with one particular cable company. Comcast has denied service to residents of other states by not supplying any lines to their areas and have even sued them when they created their own company. We don't need any company telling us it's them or none at all. They are already costing us too much for the simple service we get. Hope you are listening to the residents and not chasing greedy businesses.

Gerald Kimata

Palm Springs, CA

.Hard to imagine the California State PUC approving such an anti-consumer proposal, so DON'T DO IT! We're Californians after all, and we don't need a giant unresponsive and greedy corporation controlling our wired media.

julio mendez Laguna Woods, CA .greed! greed! Comcast / time warner must be kept separate to have a fair competition

Steve Bianchi Newcastle, CA .Greed is NOT good.

Alan Nestlinger Santa Ana, CA .Granting unwarrented control to an "inverted" corporation is destructive of our communities. Corporations that hide their assets in the Cayman Islands should not be granted isolation from competition.

# Patricia Matejcek

Freedom, CA

.Government has acted often in the past to break up large corporations/monopolies to promote competition, which benefits consumers. It makes NO sense to approve the Comcast/Time- Warner merger which would create a monopoly, eliminate competition, fail to control prices and consequently be inimical to the public interest. Nicholas Hollander La Mesa, CA .Giving Comcast this huge of a market percentage is bad for consumers. We need more competition, not less! Ron Howlett Seal Beach, CA .Giving a monopoly to cable companies is contrary to our concepts of a free enterprise system. I want to have the opportunity to make a choice. Ron Howlett Seal Beach CA

Robert Valdez Guerneville, CA .Give me a break no merger! And while you are at it, why am I paying \$136 for tv,phone, and internet when Business gets the same deal for \$38? I'd like to know. Stop acting like flunkies for the rich and powerful corporations. I'd like to know if we would ever have legislation introduced that the corporations would have to fight if ever? Not likely!

Joan Denz-Hamilton San Jose, CA .Giant=monopoly and that's never healthy.

Jeanne Thatcher

Chico, CA

.Giant corporations are dominating our lives. These huge business entities need to be broken up for the good of the country - i.e. President Teddy Roosevelt breaking up the huge cartels and imposing windfall taxes on these corporations.

# Charles Ross

Rio Nido, CA

.Gentlemen: We already have enough crooked Cable and internet providers cutting back our connection speed (Cable companies and AT&T). We do not need a bigger monopoly. It is past time to re-invoke the antitrust and anti-monopoly statutes. Robert Ancker Rio Linda, CA .Gangsters------

poo smoo Crap City, CA .fuck off and die!

Sol Fingold Beverly Hills, CA .Free, not private monopoly enterprise! Pamela Zwehl-Burke Santa Barbara, CA .Free market? Monopoly? Comcast has not always served its customers well. Competition among carriers is our only hope

alena jorgensen temple city, CA .For those of us with limited income this is bad. I thought America was the land of opportunity and choice. Please don't take away my right to choose. Bruce Miller Playa Del Rey, CA .for starters, time warner is an overpriced entity. Combining it with Comcast, considered the worst in the business, is like adding fuel to a fire. Two bad companies fused together is negative synergism.

### Eleanor High Ventura, CA

.For many seniors, television is the only way we can know what is happening in the world and it is our only source of entertainment. Cable TV needs MORE competition not less. Please, please do not approve the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. If allowed, it will cost more and we'll get a lot of stations that are meaningless to us.

# Eleanor High

# Ventura, CA

.For many seniors, television is our lifeline to the world. The current situation is much less than perfect expensive for a lot of stations no one wants or watches. If you allow Comcast to take over Time Warner, the resulting monopoly with just increase costs, reduce service and, in general, be a worse product than what we have. If you do anything, please INCREASE competition which will result in better service and lower costs. Who is being kidded? We may have two or more cable companies in a given town but no person in that town is allowed to choose between them...you get what is assigned to your area like it or not.

Robert Nietzel San Juan Capistrano, CA .For all the intelligent and sane reasons, this merger is just plain BAD for the individual homeowner or subscriber who will be at their mercy paying their rate increases for their bank accounts. Really !!! a merger? Surely you're not even considering this.

Stephen Molstad Santa Monica, CA .For a change of pace, let's see government take the side of the individual citizen. Block the Comcast TWC merger to preserve at least a shred of competition.

Robert C. Brixner Oakland, CA .FOR A CHANGE --- how about the CPUC representing CONSUMERS best interest. The novelty alone would be well worth YOUR effort - and you might even garner a modicum of respect!

Craig Smith Arcadia, CA .First the Airlines and now this! Where and when will it stop? Where is T. R. when you really need him? STOP THIS!!!!
# Joe Holly

## Fair Oaks, CA

.Finally, just the considertion of such a merger is more than a little foolish. Having lived on the Eastr Coast the horrible record of cramming and real abuse of unwitting consumers is scandolious and the stink of that has rubbed off on too many public servants already. Here, in Sacramento the reputation of Comcast is not much better with intermitment service outages (some, I'm told, contrived) and poor customer service. This is a fools erand. Perhaps a monkey hungry for a bunch of bananas could vote for this but certainly not clearheaded and thoughtful people. Flynn Myers

Placerville, CA

.Fewer choices. Price fixing. These huge megaconglomerates remind me of that old schtick with Lili Tomlin as the phone operator. "Whadda you gonna do? We're the phone company! nuk, nuk, nuk!" The same applies here. Comcast already has abysmal service and terrible rates. This mating of two corporate whales will not end well for all of us little, tiny, insignificant, minnows.... BAD IDEA.

Richard McCormick Morgan Hill, CA .Fewer and fewer at the top is a bad thing Gail Terry

Seaside, CA

.Fair customer service for a fair price is not too much to ask for and Comcast has failed to show they can deliver that. I want to continue to gave a choice. This merger will reduce my choices and deminish my consumer power resulting on an unfair playing field. That's not in the public good.

Eddie De La Vega Lake Elsinore, CA .Extremely high prices and terrible customer service will continue, but with even higher prices and worse customer service will result if this merger is allowed.

Lance Vilter Los Angeles, CA .EVERYTHING I've heard about Comcast has been bad! PLEASE stop the merger! Sonia Wilson Sacramento, CA .everyone knows monopolies are a disaster. NO to this merger! Vincent Dunlap San Francisco, CA .Every year I see my Comcast bill increase. Now it is over \$150.00 per month.

### Steven Luher

Los Alamitos, CA

.Every turn and Time Warner Cable keeps increasing my Internet only service fees. They now "rent" the modem to me, when previously it was free. The modem is very old and was clearly paid for years ago in the rates already paid. Why let this firm merge to become even bigger and powerful with even more consumer price increases? Thanks for your consideration! John Palmer Daly City, CA .Every time there is a merger of this type consumers are hurt and left with less options . Please say no to this one. Sincerely, John F. Palmer PO Box 869 Daly City, CA 9017

### Bob Bush

Yuba City, CA

.Every evening, during the news period, the two HD channels we watch have terrible video and audio reception. I have contacted both channels, and have been told it is a problem with Comcast, not them. To allow them to merge with another company will only enhance the current lousy service we are receiving, and allow them to charge us even more than they do now.

### Fred Holden

Lodi, CA

.Even though I now have Comcast and am satisfied with their product and service, I'm not at all confident that that would continue if they are allowed to essentially monopolize the marketplace. Claudia Mackey Stockton, CA .Even though I am a Comcast customer, I am opposed to the Time Warner merger. I believe that this would create a monopoly that is not healthy for our economy.

Mar Fisher San Francisco, CA .Especially if you live in an apartment, comcast does hold a monopoly on TV.

Jeff Sadler San Jose, CA .Enough. Bigger is not better when it sacrifices the choices of your constituents.

Janet Lowry Long Beach, CA .Enough! Stop selling people to corporations.

Howard Smith Elk Grove, CA .Enough! Joel Pointon San Diego, CA .Enough of utility monopolies Derek Seeley Loma Linda, CA .Enough of these mergers creating less and less choice for customers that have to pay the bill or in protest quit the service. It's dictatorial and undemocratic.

RoseAnna Belaski Ceres, CA .Enough is enough. No merger please

Wren Osborn El Cajon, CA .Enough is enough. Giant mergers lead to monopolies and monopolies lead to higher prices and worse service. No merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Wren Osborn El Cajon, CA .Enough is enough. Giant mergers lead to monopolies and monopolies lead to higher prices and worse service. No merger of Comcast and Time Warner.

stan weissman ALAMO, CA .enough is enough, we do not need another mega merger in this country!! Jobs are lost, choices are narrowed for the consumer and the only winners are the corporations !! enough already stop this now !!

Eloise Pickard Manhattan Beach, CA .Enough is enough!! I'm tired of all the bad cable companies and their horrible service to we consumers. NO to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!! Victor Pine Encinitas, CA .ENOUGH FOR. THE 1% !

john koontz Antioch, CA .enough

Mary Sue Meads Oakland, CA .Ending up with one or two electronic companies would be bad for the economy; for the poeple. Garth Wright Merced, CA .eliminating competition is not in the best interest of the consumers of this state who are already burdened with excessive charges for service.

Adrian Logsdon

Santa Maria, CA

.Eliminating a competitive marketplace means higher prices and poorer service for the consumer. Comcast is one of the most disliked and price gouging companys I know of. Allowing them to have such a large market will only make for poorer service, increased costs for users, and allow Comcast to control the market. They already have been allowed to take over NBC/Universal and this domination is to be resisted totally.

Mark Hein Topanga, CA .Electronic services are already too monopoly-driven. Foster increased competition. paula shatkin Occidental, CA .Ehough monopolies over what we can see and hear. the airwaves belong to us all. No to Comcast! Laurel Landes Castro Valley, CA .Don't you guys get cable? If you did you would know how powerful Comcast is and that if you need cable for TV and Internet you are being ripped off. No more mergers.

Heidi Tiura Lewiston, CA .Don't we ever learn about monopolies?! KEVIN BROWN Santa Clara, CA .DONT WANT COMCAST TAKING OVER CALIFORNIA

Rick Carlstrom San Francisco, CA .dont really like this company. They continually squeeze the prices up and deliver low grade customer service.

Robert Taylor Clearlake, CA .Don't merge Comcast or Time Warner Cable at all! Jennifer Kim Zeller Pacific Palisades, CA .Don't let this happen. It will make already lousy service even worse. edward chin san francisco, CA .don't let these companies merge and become a BIG corporation with no other options available to us, the public

## Antonio Ferraro

## Vacaville, CA

.Don't let them do it. Already, Comcast is huge, and not always responsive. Competition forces them to lower prices. Can't tell you how many times, when my rates are raised and I call about it, I only have to say I'm ready to change, when all of a sudden, there's a plethora of packages that give me more viewing options and higher internet speeds at lower cost than I was paying before. Why does Comcast do this? Why raise my rates and immediately give me a better deal when I call and tell them I want to drop their service? it's a game! If there's no competition, no one else for the consumer to choose, Comcast can raise rates without concern that the consumer will leave them. They bigger they get, the more power they can wield over consumers. Don't let them do it!

Cheryl Johnson Ukiah, CA .don't let Comcast have a monopoly.

Janus Blume Santa Cruz, CA .Don't let Comcast dominate the market this way! Mel Rosen Santa Monica, CA .Don't let Comcast buy TimeWarner Cable. It is not in the best interest of the consumer and will stifle competition and increase high cable rates. Don't give in to pressure and vote NO to the merger. Jeffrey Fried San Carlos, CA .Don't let Comcast become an even bigger monopoly. They should be regulated like any common carrier.

Amanda Tenney Los Angeles, CA .Don't do this! Be fair!

Robert Jernigan Santa Rosa, CA .don't do it. Dolores Taller Berkeley, CA .Don't approve the mwperger of comcast and Time Warner cable, Well have one big monopoly if you do!

Charlotte Casey San Jose, CA .Don't allow this terrible deal to go through! Dennis Moscrop Oakland, CA .Don't allow this merger. We need more competition in the media, not less! Nancy Richards Santa Rosa, CA .Do your job and do not allow this merger. Service from Comcast is really bad now and most likely would become worse if allowed to take over Time Warner.

Francisco Rodriguez Fremont, CA .Do you represent the public,or the companies.

Heidi McGrath Sutter Creek, CA .Do what is right for the people you represent! Say no to the merger between Comcast and Time Warner! There are already not enough choices for consumers choices we have a right to! Lindsay Brown Soquel, CA

.Do we really want to live in the empire of Comcast? Our right to chose and free enterprise are slipping away and another merger gives use one less choice.Show the people of California that the PUC isn't being bought by Comcast the same why the PUC is being bought by PGE.

Bud Green san francisco, CA .Do the right thing and vote NO! Nancy Kron Kensington, CA .do the right thing and vote no on the merger Linda Hughes Fortuna, CA .Do the RIGHT thing and keep Comcast out of our homes....they are predatory and a juggernaut.....we don't NEED them to ruin our experience in any way....I'm just sick to death of big business sticking it to us the public.....

Rick Longman San Diego, CA .Do not strengthen the cable monopolies

Vernill Johnson Oakland, CA .Do not need another MONOPOLY René Flores Bonita, CA .Do not make the major mistake of approving the takeover of Time Warner Cable by Comcast; block this attempt.

METE SOYOGUZ WALNUT CREEK, CA .Do not let companies monopolize businesses at rhe expense of the public Ed Hansen Oak Park, CA

.Do not let Comcast take over Time Warner Cable. We need more competition, not less. We need companies that are truly responsive to the customers' needs and that will work hard to offer better service than their competitors. We need more choices, not fewer. Richard Gonzales Hacienda Heights, CA .Do not let Comcast sell their services in California, it's bad for the consumer. Ingrid Becerril Palmdale, CA .Do not let Comcast monopolize the cable market in California. Our country has thrived on Capitalism, and selling out to Comcast would be a giant step backwards. Please do not let this happen.

Mark Brueckman Alameda, CA .Do not let Comcast merge with Time Warner! I have Comcast and it is too expensive - they only lowered their prices when ATT offered new services. Roger Bucholtz Sebastopol, CA .Do not let Comcast merge with Tim Warner Cable, Comcast needs competition so they maintain good service at reasonable rates.

Bernard Burke San Francisco, CA .Do not et Comcast dominate the market so. They are too powerful already. I have their services and like them, but they are too expensive. Sharon Kimbrell Rohnert Park, CA .Do not approve the merger of Comcast with Time Warner Cable. Common sense tells me a decrease in competition and allowing Comcast to hold so much power over pricing, availability and quality of service (or lack of) is not in the consumer's best interest. Save us! Michael Siebrass

Atascadero, CA

.Do not approve Comcast's takeover of Time Warner Cable. This merger and the power it confers on Comcast is not in the best interests of the people of California. We need less corporate consolidation, not more. Please use the power invested in you by the citizens of California to stop this merger. Thank you for your time. Michael Story Los Gatos, CA .Do not allow this. Big money and corporations ethics are only bound by competition.

Matthew Raggio Walnut Creek, CA .Do not allow the merger. Neil Reeder Cupertino, CA .Do NOT allow the merger of these two companies. We need more competition, not less!

Dennis Lanterman Hillsborough, CA .Do not allow Comcast to take over Time Warner Cable. Dennis Lanterman 5 St. Francis Rd. Hillsborough, CA 94010

Tom Sheets Hayward, CA .do not allow Comcast to merge with Time Warner. Linda J Rodriguez San Jose, CA .Do not allow Comcast to dominate the California market. I oppose the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger. Alex Schein Thousand Oaks, CA .Diversity is good. Monopoly is bad. The cable situation is bad already with so few choices and very bad service. Please don't let these two bad companies join to make one very bad company.

M. J. Greene Studio City, CA .DIDN'T WE STOP MONOPOLIES? TEDDY ROOSEVELT MUST BE TURNING IN HIS GRAVE. John Moran San Francisco, CA .Deny merger of Comcast - Time Warner. We have too much monopoly control of our media as it is, and especially true for the Internet.

dick crepeau Stockton, CA .Democracy lives when many voices are heard. James Fox Tehachapi, CA .Democracy is built on control of monopolies! Please refuse to give in to corporate power grabs. Stop Comcast!!!! Margaret Petropoulos San Francisco, CA .December 4, 2014 Stop Milton Freidman's Laizze-Faire-Free Trade. Margaret Petropoulos Margaret Petropoulos San Francisco, CA .December 4, 2014 Stop Milton Freidman's Laizze-Faire-Free Trade. Margaret Petropoulos

## Roger Ham

Willits, CA

.Dear Sirs: No! A merger between Comcast and Time Warner is not in the best interest of consumers. Further domination of the cable TV, telephone & internet services will lead to higher prices. It surely will not improve customer service. Reps. Thompson & Huffman should be appalled if this merger proceeds. Thank you for listening. Roger Warren Costa Mesa, CA .Dear Sirs, Free enterprise and competitive pricing are what made this country what it is today, not to mention the right of choice. Say " NO " to the Comcast / Time Warner merger. It's not in the best interest of the public.

# William Streck

Willows, CA

.Dear Sir; Please stop the MERGER!!!! These companies already have a strangle-hold on us. They charge by the channel, by the bandwidth, by the popularity of the channel, and when one pays a premium price for their service, they add a thousand meaningless channels to the service and crow about it. Thank You for maintaining an open well regulated Internet with no power players, no Bandwidth and Content stranglers that compete to provide good service at a reasonable price! With the proper oversight that plateau of reasonable entertainment can be reached. Also perhaps, a modicum of educational value can also be reached. William F. Streck

James Recer San Diego, CA .Dear Sir, Please reject the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Our cable companies already have too much of a monopoly. Please don't increase their power. gloriana casey

altadena, CA

Claude Stoller Berkeley, CA .Dear PUC, Who do you think you represent anyway? ----Indignant citizen

John Graham Idyllwild, CA .Dear PUC Member, Stop Comcast's bid to take over Time Warner. Neither of them has a good service record. Allowing Comcast to become even bigger than it is will not solve the problems that I am already having with Time Warner, it will only make them worse.

Ray Saracino San Francisco, CA .Dear PUC - This merger is CLEARLY not in the best interests of consumers! Please block this merger and keep what little competition exists alive in California.

James Vaillancourt

Oceanside, CA

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners, Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Sincerely, James Vaillancourt, 1626 Kurtz Street, Oceanside, CA.

April McMillan

Pacific Grove, CA

.Dear Public Utilities Commissioners, If you allow the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger, it will be clear you not capable of protecting consumers. My family can not afford to pay for cable. And if your agency allows the merger to go through many other families will be in the same situation. April McMillan 954 Syida Drive Pacific Grove, CA 93950 Carol Corethers Box El Cajon, CA .Dear Public Utilities "NO" to the Comcast Warner Cable merger! diana v davis Novato, CA .dear cpu don't screw this up for the consumer like you are doing with pg&e...do what you were chosen to do...protect the consumer

Yaropolk Miheyev Salinas, CA .Dear Commissioners, I urge you to stand guard against making Comcast almost a monopoly in the State of California. It is too big as it is now. Please do not allow merger with Warner Cable Irwin Silberman

Sherman Oaks, CA

.Dear Commissioners, As a citizen of California I solicit your support for protecting the true interest of our fellow Californians by denying Comcast's bid to monopolize the communications industry for the sake of increasing its profits at the expense of all of us. We need to sustain a competitive playing field in this key industry. Thank you.

# Katie Casali

## Fortuna, CA

.Dear commissioners, Please vote no on the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Comcast already has high prices, terrible service. They have also been caught on tape lying to customers and badgering them. Mega mergers severely decrease competition in the market and create price gouging and poor service. Please protect Californians from these unscrupulous companies.

### Victoria Erickson

### Aptos, CA

.Dear California Public Utilities Commissioners, Please say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. We pay outrageous prices to Comcast and our only hope is competition. You must realize that the public loses if this merger goes ahead. Please do the right thing. lilian Morgan Felton, CA

.Currently where I live, Comcast is the only possibility to get high-speed internet access. Because they have virtually no competition(have a 'contract' with the county, Comcast charges whatever they can - currently, after the 'teaser introductory period' the rate for internet access ranges from \$120 to \$150 a month PLUS their fees, taxes on fees and equipment charges and taxes on those - can be from \$150 up and up currently and going up every month. This is the result of having a monopoly by a very greedy company who outsources to countries OTHER than America for all customer service except for one small office with never more than two people working 8-5 M-F to help thousands of people. This is or should be UN-American!

Debrah E. Lyons Sebastopol, CA .Creating a monopoly hurts consumers and fair business transactions.

Matt Goodacre santa rosa, CO .crap service, price gouging- I don't want this merger. Judy Sullivan Altadena, CA .CPUC needs the muscle to take care of these things without prodding

Craig Bovia Topanga, CA .Could we get a vote for the People instead of another for the Oligarch's Korporate Greed? Rita Sokolow Los Angeles, CA .Corporations should not control our laws and/or our law-making. They already have too much control as a result of their wealth. James Hayward Moorpark, CA

Corporate influence over commerce, politics and finances have become so disgusting that one is left wondering if there is a better system of government available to the working people of the planet. You may be able to take it but good luck keeping it. sue kirkpatrick Scotts Valley, CA .Corp TV is not good for consumers. Monopoly corp tv is not acceptable.

Mary Engstrom San Jose, CA .Controlling is a bad idea for all of the people of California. Some competition works well for the people. Thank you Don Bernstein Valley Village, CA .Control of the states cable services is concentrated enough and allowing Comcast to take over Time Warner Cable would be bad for consumers, both economically and customer service.

Judith Lippincott Sacramento, CA .Consumers should always have a choice. Greg Fabian Concord, CA .Consumers need protection from potential monopolies like the one Comcast is attempting to develop. Please prevent this merger and maintain fair competition in Califormia. Thank you. Mike Lipsitz Landers, CA .Consumers need more choices, not less. Deny the Comcast merger. Consolidation is not in the public interest

Jennifer Baumgardner Redondo Beach, CA .Consumers need choices, not monopolies.

Kerri Hamilton San Jose, CA .Consumers need choice, not more monopolies! Please serve the citizens of CA, not corporate giants. Matthew Thomas San Francisco, CA .Consumers deserve a choice. This merger takes that choice away!

Jessica Lee Santa Monica, CA .Consolidation is NEVER good for customers. Time Warner would be more appreciated if it concentrated on delivering good service to their already existing customer base.

jack hollins San Jose, CA .concentration of media ownership has already hurt consumers. stop this merger Don Wallace Chula Vista, CA .Concentrating power in a rapidly decreasing pool of suppliers might lead to higher prices and poorer service. Don't you think? Surprise everybody, bite your collective lip, afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted. Sincerely. Don Wallace 12/6/2013

gillian brown San Mateo, CA .concentrated power is not healthy for a capitalistic form of government.

# Marshall C Scott

Moreno Valley, CA

.Compition and the free enterprisre system will take a hit if this merger goes through and that is not good for the consumer.We will have less choices and prices will escalate.

Bernie Waltzer Riverside, CA .Competition is what made this country great. Monopoly leads to higher cost to consumers and inferior service.

#### Bob Roman Lincoln, CA

Lincoln, CA

.Competition is what makes free enterprise work. Allowing this merger will effectively stop competition and allow Comcast to control both service and fees without having to worry about losing business to some competitor. We were Comcast customers in Pleasanton CA for 5 years and the service was not good - had to reboot my modem once or twice every day. They need competition to make them provide good service at a reasonable price. Please deny this merger.

### Scott Abadjian

Menifee, CA

.Competition is vital to thriving "Free Market Capitalism". We need more forced breakups of dominant companies in industries such as telecommunications, energy, internet, technology, etc.. Breakups create jobs and increases stock market value of the multiple entitles involved. The Breakup of standard oil resulted in multiple companies with 10 times the market cap of the one company. The breakup of ATT resulted in the huge telecommunications companies and technology we have today. More companies equals more jobs, better competition and consumer choice and more GDP. There is no disputing these FACTS unless you spin the numbers to fool the people. Nancy Jaicks Alexander Berkeley, CA .Competition is Very Healthy: better service, better prices, better options in programing - Don't let the PUBLIC Down, PUC! Rodger Breslin Ukiah, CA .Competition is the cornerstone of commerce for the everyday citizen. A monopoly is what all business strives for to squeeze the last dime out of every citizen. Don't let that happen to us in California. Don't become the voice for Comcast to steal from every person in the state.

Dorothy Li Calzi Ssnta Monica, CA .competition is the backbone of Demcracy Ida Braun San Mateo, CA .Competition is the American way and it gives customers choices. Please don't let Comcast grow even bigger!

Cynthia Crittenton Newbury Park, CA .Competition is good it is not fair not to give us a choice Anja Kollbach Menlo Park, CA .Competition is good for the customer. NO to the merger! John Williams Pollock Pines, CA .Competition is good .Consolidation is not. Eventually the market will have to correct bad decisions and consumers will have to pay for it with higher costs.

Leonard Manzella Arroyo Grande, CA .Competition is extremely important in protecting consumers. Please stop this merger.

Margaret Yamaguchi San Jose, CA .Competition is badly needed. I've been without tv for 17 months because I don't want to deal with Comcast and there is no viable alternative where I live.

Larry Acosta Grand Terrace, CA .competition is always better for the consumer.

## Robert Johnston

Walnut Creek, CA

.Competition is a good thing. Having several viable vendors of any product or service is essential if we in California, and anywhere really, are going to have excellent service at excellent price points. Already, are internet and cable prices are too high. Let's not reduce competition. Ken Yoskowitz Paradise, CA .Competition in the marketplace needs to be promoted for any business. Please do not allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner

### Greg Putnam Carpinteria, CA

.Competition causes the best benefit to the consumer. A monopoly thwarts the benefit. This merger will not benefit the consumer and will only add to the abysmal service and extortionary pricing from existing cable companies. NO on the Comcast merger. James Bonner Walnut Creek, CA .Competition brings out the best. Monopoly stifles & stagnates.

Jon Johnsen Richmond, CA .Communications should not be controlled by a monopoly.

# Sherri Venezia

Davis, CA

.Communication monopolies can ultimately control what we are allowed to see and hear; it is not only monopolistic in terms of costs that won't be competitive, but may be politically controlling the "airwaves" by certain points of view and not others. This violates antitrust as well as democratic open airways in terms of free, competitive thoughts available to all so we are not in a controlled and limited information world.

### Donald Rolle

Sonora, CA

.Commissioners, Let's not create a pseudo monopoly. Too big and too powerful restricts competition. The outcome will determine if you are working for the citizens of California on this issue.

# Terrence Richards

## Indio, CA

.Come on, legislators--just look at history! When Western Union monopolized telegraphy, they overcharged and underserved--and fought bitter legislative battles to keep the new telephone out of general use. Then Ma Bell pulled the same stuntovercharge and underserve a captive client base. Do you really believe Comcast won't do the same thing? Really? Mike Tanzer PETALUMA, CA .Comcast's service keeps going up and existing subscribers often pay more than new ones. Something has to be done to limit their increases and service charges. Vote NO on the merger. Charlene Russell Fremont, CA

.Comcast's service is already bad and horrendously over-priced. If they become the monopoly in this area, as they're trying so hard to do, it will only get worse. Please say "No" to this merger that will only hurt consumers.

Peter Berliner Hillsborough, CA .Comcast's service in Hillsborough California is marginal at best. If we have no other outlet we will be subject to their weaknesses permanently. Please do not allow this. Bill Lindner Greenbrae, CA .Comcast's service -- not to mention functionality at my house - is unreliable enough. Allowing them to merge with another corporation and become a monopoly is a VERY bad idea.

doug edelen Windsor, CA

.Comcast's reputation for he worst customer service in the busines should make any cable sub or potential sub very alert to their promos ( come ons) Gary Hanks Oakland, CA .Comcast's rates are already excessive. I ask you to not encourage them by giving them a monopoly. Linda Gingery San Diego, CA .Comcast's push for a monopoly does in no way benefit the consumers of California. I would like to see it stopped. Elaine Lee Elk Grove, CA

.Comcast's prices are already too high for many seniors, and we cannot pick and choose the channels of interest to us. We therefore must pay for a majority of channels we will never watch. Giving them more of a monopoly will only make this situation worse.

### Amy Christenson

Seaside, CA

.Comcast's practice of nickel-and-dime increases over the past 8+ years has made it harder and harder for me to afford internet service. This merger will make it harder still. The merger is bad for consumers. If the increases don't stop, I'll have to cancel service altogether. Christine Masleid Monte Sereno, CA .Comcast's portion of the CA market is already large enough. Let's keep the competition in cable TV. Sincerely, Christine Masleid 17266 Eaton Ln Monte Sereno, CA 95030

Jack DeLuca Newport Beach, CA .Comcast's merger will only make the California TV market worse! Vivian Soderholm

### Napa, CA

.Comcast's fees are high when they offer so little personal service. We don't need a monopoly on this type of service, these companies need the competition to keep the costs down. Please act for the people on this subject and that means block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable!!!

## Janice Owens

Fresno, CA

.Comcast's customer service is already quite bad. I shudder to think what it would be like if they are allowed to merge with Time Warner (who is equally bad in the service department). Consumers will be the big losers if this is allowed to go through.

# Willa O'Connor Kensington, CA

.Comcast's charges are exorbitant, its customer serviceis incredibly bad, and it deserves its being voted the most hated company in America! Californians do not deserve to have Comcast inflicted on them! Comcast has done very little to enable low income citizens to have internet access. It cares only for its own greedy desirexs. Is the PUC the friend of big business or of consumers? Prove that you care for us.

Garry Shapiro Los Gatos, CA .Comcast---high prices and indifferent service.

## NORMAN MEYERS Sunnyvale, CA .COMCAST, you merge, we submerge and swim away.

Beverly Harris Red Bluff, CA .Comcast would have a monopoly in California if this merger were allowed to pass which would not be beneficial at all to Californians. Please keep options open to Californians by saying "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger.

Helen Dickey El Cerrito, CA .Comcast would get our money, but we would get poor service, little or no customer service, and higher bills! I vote no on this deal!

## Idajane Dal Pino

Corte Madera, CA

.Comcast works sometimes, but not always. But they charge up the Kazoo!. They were charging me for something called blast. When I enquired what it was, I found I didn't even have modem to support it. But they didn't remove the charge. My bill is three hundred this month. When I called to complain, I was told I have to call every year to renew some bundle or they double the price. This month is \$179.00. Comcast has been and continues to be a PAIN, but there is no other choice. WRONG!!!

Bob Rintel San Francisco, CA .Comcast will have too much market power if the merger is allowed.

Wayne Seden Santa Rosa, CA .Comcast will become too large a player in the electronic communications industry leading to less completion and higher service prices for consumers if allowed to merge with Time Warner Cable. I oppose the merger

Charles Carroux Belmont, CA .Comcast was scheduled to provide service between 4-6 PM. They arrived at 7:30. If they become a monopoly, what incentive do they have to improve service?

Adrianne Mackey San Jose, CA .Comcast wants control and then there will be no competition. Then they will charge even more. Don't let Comcast get control. David Quinn

Livermore, CA

.Comcast treats its customers poorly, despite what they say. Their charges are outrageous. Please do not allow a further monopolistic move by a company that has usurious tendencies. Hamid Kasmai Walnut Creek, CA .Comcast Time Warner Cable merger is not in the best interest of the residents of California.

Laurence and Christine Taylor Visalia, CA .Comcast Time Warnees go F yourselves. Worst services in the Nation

Robert Meyer Shingle Springs, CA .comcast taking over IS NOT in the best interests of actual versus corporate citizens. Monopolies are never a good thing, except for those controlling. Bad idea! John Konrath Felton, CA

.Comcast supplies the worst customer service of any company with which I deal... and deal with them I must. They are the only provider of high speed internet cable to my location. Fortunately, I am able to get DSL... but a a greatly reduced connection speed. This is meager leverage, to be sure. A merger of Comcast with Time Warner Cable would serve only to strengthen their grip here by eliminating any possibility of a competing service in my area. Can you honestly imagine any benefit whatsoever to the California consumer resulting from such a merger??? Better service? Lower prices? Not a chance!!! Please take this opportunity to become thought leaders to the rest of the nation while preserving my freedom of choice by voting "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner merger.

christopher flynn San Jose, CA .Comcast sucks...I've had them before and their services are deplorable...They ripped up our driveway in a townhome complex and failed to repair it accurately and failed miserably in cable services provided.

Andy Denny jackson, CA .Comcast SUCKS. kathy tatick Lompoc, CA .Comcast sucks Norman Baron Tustin, CA .Comcast should not grow any larger DO NOT ALLOW THIS MURGER.

Raymond Klein Suisun City, CA .Comcast should not be rewarded for lousy service by approval of this merger Russell and Margaret Ridge Inverness, CA .Comcast should not be permitted to grow and grow such that they could dominate the industry. Enough is enough! The Ridges, CA

Louis Rose Petaluma, CA

.Comcast services are already expensive. Allowing their merger with Time Warner Cable will essentially remove major competition and future cost for Comcast services are likely to make current rates seem like a steal. Please vote against this merger! Anthony Somkin Berkeley, CA .Comcast service is lousy, the prices are high, and the ability to contact him with an emergency is limited. Service people always schedule a four hour window. This means I spend half a day waiting for them to come.

### Stewart Levin Menlo Park, CA

.Comcast service is currently far inferior to most other developed, and many less developed, countries simply because it has little competition. Internet and phone are utilities that, based on technology driven cost reductions over the last two or three decades, should be far less expensive than they are currently. Don't let the Comcast-TimeWarner merger spike those costs even higher.

## James Rammel Arnold, CA

.Comcast seems to already control most of our entertainment and sports choices. We have to purchase an entire cable package to watch a single channel. please don't allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner cable as it will further limit our choices in the future, and will allow Comcast to increase already sky high prices.

# Jim Hess

### Irvine, CA

.Comcast seeks more power in the market - which can only mean less power for everyone else, including consumers, who already have too limited choice to have meaningful power over prices and service.

## michelle warner

Berkeley, CA

.Comcast repeatedly shows contempt for their customers with a distinct lack of service that has been paid for. Do you really want to put the movers and shakers of IT in the silicon valley and SF bay area in their hands? Say goodbye to creativity that will be stifled due to extremely poor internet service. That can not do an adequate job with what they have. Giving them more is foolhardy at best.

Donna Francesconi SAN FRANCISCO, CA .Comcast reminds me of when AT&Twas the only game in town. That is never good. Let us have more not less. Bernard Scoville Sacramento, CA .Comcast rates low for customer service. If it gets stronger, it will be even worse to its customers. Joseph Sebastian Sacramento, CA .Comcast rates are already too high. Gaining a monpoly will only make matters worse connie boone oceanside, CA .comcast raises its prices for old customers every year! I'm retired and will end up without any internet. help!

William Kremen San Francisco, CA .Comcast provides lousy customer service, is completely high-handed in its dealings with customers, and does everything it can to slough off direct customer contact. When one calls, they are subjected to endless waits, irrelevant and wrong voice menu options, calls routed overseas to overworked, underpaid operators who get unduly yelled at by irate customers. A VERY BAD corporation, arrogant beyond belief.

Jean Johnson San Francisco, CA .Comcast provides hideous service!!! Surely, America the Great can DO BETTER. Have Mercy.

Carl May

Moss Beach, CA

.Comcast provides a terrible signal and awful customer service by phone where I live on the San Mateo County coast.

Carolyn Maso

Windsor, CA

.Comcast prices are so out of line. I'm being charged \$176/mo for a DVR and a 2nd receiver (\$48 equipment fees) and I have the basic package. I hardly watch tv and I'm on a fixed income. This is ridiculous. I'm in a condo and they don't allow satellite so I'm stuck.

Jack Conrad Hollywood, CA .Comcast ought to be broken up instead of being allowed to get bigger. This isn't a good deal for California at all! Alexander Ladd San Francisco, CA

.Comcast offers the worst service and is against the very fabric of one of California's strongest industries. Until Comcast guarantees net neutrality we cannot let them increase their monopoly. California's economy is too dependent on this fact to ignore the fact that Comcast will strangle the tech industry.

Ruth Vallejos Alameda, CA .Comcast offers lackluster service at billionaires prices. The state deserves better. Making this giant even bigger doesn't make sense. Diane Mader Walnut Creek, CA .Comcast now monopolizes television service in Rossmoor, in Walnut Creek. The service leaves much to be desired.

Russ Hills San Jose, CA .Comcast lures you in with trick rates that multiply faster than credit card interest. When you have a problem with their poor quality service they treat you worse than AT&T

Miriam Baum Alta Loma, CA .Comcast like fracking can frack themselves up and leave the airwaves permanently.

### Stephen Baron

San Francisco, CA

.Comcast keeps raising my rates with Time Warner still in the mix. I don't know what my rate will be if there's a merger, but if my bill gets any larger I might switch to DirectTV. Also, my Comcast internet connection is so spotty that I'd never switch my land line to to their voice over internet service.

Catherine Edelstein San Francisco, CA .Comcast is wrecking my life

Harrison Sarrafian Granada Hills, CA .Comcast is well known for lousy service and high prices. I am happy with my present TWC service which is reasonable and very reliable. Please do not Comcast ruin this for millions ao Californians, just because Comcast is greedy!

Harry Wood Visalia, CA .Comcast is very hard to deal with now. The merger will make it worse. Please say "No". Harry Wood

# Thomas Mangee

San Mateo, CA

.Comcast is untrustworthy and dangerous! They have always treated me as a sub-par customer and lied over and over about policies and pricing to help their bottom line. Just say "NO" to Comcast merger -- if you care about your constituents. Faithfully, Thomas Mangee 65 West 5th Ave Apt 515 San Mateo, CA 94402 Anne Brunelli

San francisco, CA

.Comcast is trying to turn into the biggest monopoly in the country. Their profits are enormous, our cable options are fewer and fewer, and their prices go up and up and up. No competition means poor service and skyrocketing prices!

## CHARLOTTE BARNETT SACRAMENTO, CA .COMCAST IS TOO PRICEY. THEY START OUT AT A REASONABLE PRICE THEN THEY START CHARGING YOU A MUCH HIGHER PRICE!

Susan Lehman Belmont, CA .comcast is too expensive and has poor service

Louise Denish San Rafael, CA .Comcast is too big now; let alone with a merger. Prices are high and will only become more & more unaffordable if this merger is allowed. Say No to Comcast.

Rocco Colella Vacaville, CA .Comcast is too big now; do not make it worse! Please reject this horriable attempt to kill competition!

Cheryl McFadden Palm Springs, CA .Comcast is the worst; Time Warner is a close second...why in the world should these two companies be allowed to merge. No benefit to the consumer what so ever.

### Mary Morgan Santee, CA

.Comcast is the worst, bar none, of the cable providers in this country with a horrible reputation for its poor service to those poor people already forced to use their cable service. Why would a great state like California allow this poor performing company to take over our cable service? Shelley Alonso Los Gatos, CA .Comcast is the worst company around for internet service. Their customer service is abysmal and I would like to have the option to NOT choose them. Please do not allow them a monopoly on the space.

Scott Franklin Santa Clarita, CA .Comcast is the worst !

## Gabe Banffy

Folsom, CA

.Comcast is the only ISP in my area that offers speeds above 24MBS and they provide the poorest service for the highest prices. But, they have no competition in my area. Please DO NOT allow them to monopolize the rest of the country. We need more competition in order to let everyone use higher internet speeds that are available in the rest of the world for far less of a cost.

Beth Spencer Cohasset, CA .Comcast is the LAST company--well, aside from Koch Industries--I want in charge of any part of my life. I am counting on the PUC to protect my interests.

William Miller Temecula, CA .Comcast is so bad they would be out of business except for their monopoly. I have both TWC and Comcast. Catherine McCoy Murrieta, CA .COMCAST IS SCUM SCUM SCUM SCUM SCUM SCUM SCUM rich myers fort bragg, CA .Comcast is out of control! David Mailman Corona Del Mar, CA .Comcast is only acting in its best interest. The interests that public servants should be looking after are those of the general public.

Cris Hammond Sausalito, CA .Comcast is one of the worst companies to have to live with from a consumer's standpoint. Their service will only get worse and their prices will only go up if they get this merger. It must be stopped.

Lauren Van Gundy Orange, CA .Comcast is one of the all time worst providers, and they treat their employees horribly.

Maria Binchet Yountville, CA .Comcast is often rated as the worst company in America. Numerous articles in mainstream publications have exactly that title. Why would it ever be appropriate then, to reward a company that treats California consumers so shabbily, with more power and ability to further mistreat California residents? http://www.salon.com/2014/08/29/why\_comcast\_is\_the \_worst\_company\_in\_america/

Jennifer Wilding Culver City, CA .Comcast is notorious for lacking in good service - why help them grow when we need more options? Say no to the Time Warner Comcast merger. Thanks.
Gary Larson San Ramon, CA .Comcast is not that great, and competition is always healthy. Please keep it that way! roseMarie Shishkin san francisco, CA .Comcast is not a helpful utility, I do not think it qualifies as a public utility. A merger with any company will only raise costs for custimers. Please say no to this merger.

## david pease

Oakdale, CA

.Comcast is known for bait and switch. They tell you that you can continue their service at the end of the contract for no increase or a small increase in price. when the contract is ending they tell you your package is no longer available and the new one will be about 35% more but they can give you a break for 3 months at 25% increase.

William Donovan CARMEL, CA .Comcast is incompetent and always pushing up the price.

James Deneff Sacramento, CA .Comcast is horrible in its pricing and service. A virtual monopoly will make it even worse! DO NOT ALLOW THIS MERGER WITH TIME WARNER! Dana McKinney Santa Rosa, CA .Comcast is getting more and more expensive and service is getting worse . Why would anyone in his right mind want to give this company more market dominance? stuart brown Sherman Oaks, CA .Comcast is even worse than Time Warner according to me Bay area friends! NOOOOOOOO to the merger! David Stein Oakland, CA .Comcast is creating an oligopoly that will both stiffle competition and drive up prices through market dominance. It is clearly time to return to the era of antitrust activism.

Robert Bordley Dublin, CA .Comcast is charging more than any other service provider. Why on earth would you give them more power to continue to price gouge consumers!!!!!!!

Donald Peterson Manteca, CA .Comcast is big enough already.

Jean Quirk

Piedmont, CA

.Comcast is bad enough. It doesn't offer a broad range of channels, just enough to get you in (FS1) but not enough to really satisfy you (FS2). As a monopoly for the state they would be a nightmare! Their service levels are already marginal. Daniel Mardesich San Rafael, CA .Comcast is bad enough with the power and saturation it has now. Eliminating a potential competitor is the last thing that should be allowed. Cynthia Barton Campbell, CA .Comcast is bad enough now - it is VERY difficult to get them to fix things when there are problems. Their phone tree seems to be designed to make you give up. Their prices are quite high already. If they merge with another big company, it will only get worse, Please don't let them do it! **Richard Fortmann** 

Novato, CA

.Comcast is apparently incapable of delivering customer service at its current size. Getting bigger through this merger would only make that worse. Further, it would lead to continuing price increases for internet access well above their cost of service for what has become a utility function necessary for daily living.

Tom Hawkins Fillmore, CA .Comcast is an Ogre! Renea Bugay

Sacramento, CA

.Comcast is always in a dispute with either Dish Network or Direct Tv. Please don't let them have anymore control. Right now Dish Network is in negotiations regarding there Comcast sports net. They want Dish Network to pay almost double rate increase. Comcast wants to control everything so consumers don't have a choice. The consumer is stuck with there awful service. I know firsthand.

Robert Markowitz Healdsburg, CA .Comcast is already too large, impossible for the average consumer to deal with. Do not allow them to get any bigger and more powerful. William Wegener Los Gatos, CA

.Comcast is already too big. They are already dictating policy.We don't need more of their riding over us consumers. Larger just breeds more arrogance. Yes we are stuck with Comcast and their bundles. 200 channels of trash to get a few useful channels. Mildred Thomas Cloverdale, CA .Comcast is already too big, too expensive and too unresponsive to customers. Their monopoly would not serve the public well.

John Gallagher Larkspur, CA .Comcast is already too big and treats its customers in a terrible manner.

s goff Berkeley, CA .Comcast is already provides a terrible product with terrible service. No to merger. jerel smith

Boulder Creek, CA

.Comcast is already out of our control. In our area it is an complete monopoly on the cable television, and on "high" speed internet. Their service sucks while their rates and profits soar. Only an un-competed entitity can pull that off. Giving them a larger share of the market is irresponsible. Please don't.

Thomas Hall San Francisco, CA .Comcast is already more than big enough. I oppose the Time Warner Cable merger. Keep Comcast to a reasonable size, and keep competition in the state. Sincerely, Tom Hall Joel White

Danville, CA

.Comcast is already monopolizing part of the markets. This year they raised our rates by 50% by requiring that we take additional features we did not want in order to maintain a "bundle" discount. i.e-- if we did not accept the bundle, the cost of our internet access was going to increase by 200%. Stop this merger. It is bad for all Californians. Raymond Fitzsimons Alameda, CA .Comcast is already large enough, unwieldy enough, slow enough in response time (4 hour 'on time' response time indeed ) without adding more bulk - and control of the market. Michael Walls Sacramento, CA

.Comcast is already far too large without adding Time Warner to its conglomerate oligopoly. Comcast has earned the dubious honor of being the worst cable provider in the country. They are a truly awful company and this California citizen urges you to please block the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. Thank you.

David Dawson Vallejo, CA .Comcast is already at the top of the chart for poor customer service. If it is this bad now I shudder to think what would happen if Comcast was the only cable provider in California. Lila Schwartz Oakland, CA

.Comcast is already an uncontrolled behemoth in my geographic area. It holds all the local city monopolies and offers little choice of programming. My basic cable bill is not affordable anymore, and I watch only a handful of channels carried on Comcast. Consumers will have no hope of a la carte cable selection if this merger is allowed to go through.

Steven Stoft

Berkeley, CA

.Comcast is already acting like a monopoly in my area. Free markets are fine when they are competitive free markets, but not when they are free monopolies. Have a heart. Bonnie Stuppin

San Francisco, CA

.Comcast is already a TERRIBLE bully toward us, it's customers. They have us over a barrel and they know it. PLEASE don't let them merge / take over the Time Warner Cable service in California. You are meant to PROTECT people, not serve the interest of corporations. BLOCK THEM!!! Carl Russo San Francisco, CA .Comcast is already a near-monopoly and acts abusively in its pricing and punitive cancellation policy. It also lobbies against net neutrality. Do NOT let it grow any bigger! SL McDaniel Citrus Heights, CA .Comcast is already a monpoly. Every apartment complex I've lived in I have to pick Comcast. Senior citizens are the most screwed. Fixed incomes = elder victims.

Peggy Parker Pleasant Hill, CA .Comcast is already a monopoly in the state of California. As a consumer we have very few choices for cable television. Their rates are extremely high and their customer service is terrible. I just filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission over their false and misleading advertising.

Barbara Wein San Francisco, CA .Comcast is already a monopoly around here. No merger please.

Don Bliss Ukiah, CA .Comcast is already a measurably awful vendor. Comcast is already a monopolist that's abused their monopolies. Do not allow this merger to happen. Linda Schwartz

View Park, CA

.Comcast is absolutely horrible to deal with! You are constantly transferred around all the time being told how sorry they are that you are having a bad experience. Please do not let this merger tak place! Time warner is much easier to deal with!

#### Lynn Schuyler

San Francisco, CA

.Comcast is a terrible company. They change rates with no notification, they bill for things customers don't have and it's almost impossible to get them to correct the mistakes. Their customer service is useless and when you ask to speak to a supervisor they claim they don't have supervisors. With very little competition their prices can be as high as they want them to be. We need more competition, not less.

#### Dr Jon Nelson Windsor, CA

.Comcast is a miserable provider, expensive, difficult in dealings, constantly raising rates, cutting out channels without a word, does whatever is expedient for their bottom line, and the channel choice is so poor that we only select the very basic rate; and, even that continues to increase. There needs to be more competition for them. Please do not allow this merger. Look at the airlines and their mergers; it certainly has not helped the flyers; neither will this merger help the general public. Thank you!

# Valerie Ralston

Mi Wuk Village, CA

.Comcast is a mediocre to bad provider. Do not expand their influence. I have had many dealings with Comcast and they do not conduct themselves with the consumers' interest in mind. Getting bigger will only mean getting worse. This merger should not be allowed. Paul Callaghan Auburn, CA .Comcast is a joke. Start working for the people not the special interests, e.g. PG&E.

### Debra McDaniel

#### Alameda, CA

.Comcast is a horrible company. They hire people who don't know questions to basic questions about their services. Their billing leaves something to be desired. They quoted me a price of \$54.00 to upgrade my basice cable to digital. When I got the first bill and every one after the price was never \$54. It has always been closer to \$100. Also, On Demand tries to charge for individual tv programs that I've already paid for once when I paid my monthly bill. My service includes On Demand but Nobody should have to pay to watch a program that they not only already paid for when they pay for their service but tha is a rerun of an earlier show. They think they get over on people or what? All I know is that when I asked why I was asked to pay a second time to watch Suits, I was told, not to worry because with my 11 1. 1 - im

### Gary Gershon

#### Stockton, CA

.Comcast is a horrible company. Their service is the very worst, although AT&T and Verizon compete for the level of arrogance, dishonesty and incompetence. It is greedy beyond all else. It never operates in the public interest notwithstanding what its army of lobbyists contend. The company deserves less, not more. And that should continue until they demonstrable provide fundamentally minimally adequate services, e.g., one get what one pays for { if it claims HD, then HD should be supported not ramdon due to limited bandwidth (which criteria the company refuses to acknowledge much less address). Its systems do not communicate at not so a new service rep has any idea what previous efforts were made and so the problem is always completely new. Etc., etc. Suffice it to say, it is one of 

Nicholas Feakins San Mateo, CA .Comcast is a greedy monopolist. Hold back its depredations in California. Rachel Rose Fresno, CA

.Comcast is a greedy and unethical company that has horrible customer service and does in no way provide quality cable or internet to California's consumers. Please stop this merger and break their hold on the cable market.

Jim Porter Placerville, CA .Comcast is a grasping, soulless corporation. It is interested only in profit and does not serve the interests of the client. If you allow this merger, there will eventually be fewer and fewer who can afford anything but whatever is available with an antenna.

Diane Karsky Sacramento, CA .Comcast is a big bully right now, I can just imagine what will happen if this merger happens. I say enough already. Please say no to this merger. Thank you Diane Karsky

L Eleanor Finney Laguna Niguel, CA .Comcast having a monopoly on the internet market does not serve my interest nor anyone else except Comcast. Do not allow Comcast to monopolize the internet. **Dorothy Callison** 

Davis, CA

.Comcast has very bad customer service. It takes a long, long time to get relatively simple problems fixed. Each tech helper is more interested in selling a new "package" then they are in solving a problem. So disgusting. Richard Cohen Costa Mesa, CA .Comcast has too much power now and it won't help the consumer if it grows even larger. Catherine Sharpsteen Antioch, CA .Comcast has too much power and is continually raising their prices. Their service is poor showing they aren't able to take on an additional load. Please do not allow the merger!

Amber Kruse Sacramento, CA .Comcast has too much control already. The price of having basic cable and internet is ridiculous. We need more companies to help drive the cost down, not less.

### James Dean Martinez, CA

.Comcast has to be the worst large company for customer service and quality service and equipment in the U.S. If they get bigger, they get a mandate to be even more incompetent. Please don't lt this happen..!

Jeremy Feiler Concord, CA .Comcast has the worst service. Why should customers suffer such arrogance? Alecto Caldwell Oakland, CA

Dakland, CA

.Comcast has the worst service and the most overpriced product - additionally, they are more than deceptive in their customer service - please, please, do not facilitate them any more than they have already gotten over the years! James Carter Marysville, CA

.Comcast has the worst record of any communications network, according to Consumer Reports. Why in the world would we want them to gain such a monopoly over us? Please vote against this merger; it would be a disaster for the people. diane howell pacific grove, CA .Comcast has the worse customer service, and the highest prices of almost any server; we have no choice but this bad choice

#### Bob Guzik

Orangevale, CA

.Comcast has the dubious honor of being the worst company in America for the last several years. My neighbor across the street from me was without cable for over 6 weeks while Comcast procrastinated before deciding to fix hte problem. Why add to this problem. Please give us more competition, not less.

Dirk van Nouhuys Berkeley, CA .Comcast has taught me to hate it

Carolyn Bourns Concord, CA .Comcast has some other name now doesn't it--like Xfinity? If you want to say goodbye to choice, do nothing. Mike McMichael Riverside, CA .Comcast has shown time and again that service to its customers is secondary to its bottom line. Please don't give them even more power to dictate prices and and provide shoddy services to the California public. Wayne Sheldon Sacramento, CA .Comcast has one of the worst customer relations services that exists. They are too big now. Don't let this merger happen. Joan Wooden Davis, CA .Comcast has not provided good service and should not be rewarded by allowing it (him?) To become a bigger bully.

Maurice Read Sacramento, CA .Comcast has more business than they can take care of now. If they had less competition, they would do an even worse job and charge more.

gail feldman San Mateo, CA .comcast has horrible personal service- these huge companies are a nightmare for the personal consumer

Jonathan Young Carmichael, CA .Comcast has horrible customer service, and they treat their employees badly. Please DENY them the chance to become an even bigger monopoly!

Bill Beckham Fresno, CA .Comcast has horrible customer service and I don't want to be forced into there clutches. Theresa Rieve

San Jose, CA

.Comcast has had the absolute worst customer service ratings every year for the past several years--not just worse service than others in their field--worst of all businesses in the US, bar none! Please do not saddle us with such a monster times 2! No merger with Time-Warner!

## Betty Murillo Livermore, CA

.Comcast has great difficulty with giving service now, raising rates without proper notification, not solving problems in a timely fashion, if they go bigger they will become worse not better!!! Anything that big is always corrupt. Stop it now before the public suffers and is constantly being taken advantage without better benefits!!!

Carolyn Brien Walnut Creek, CA .comcast has gotten too big already! If you have an issue with service, they tell you tough! Rhea Rehark-Griffith Fresno, CA .Comcast has consistently raised rates without giving us very good choices: we are at Comcast's mercy. I do not wish do have Comcast dominate our choice of programming.

## Jason danielson

San Mateo, CA

.Comcast has by an extremely great measure the worst customer support and the highest prices versus their competition of any company I have ever encountered. But they have a near monopoly position in my neighborhood for Internet service so I have to go with them. Please don't allow the Comcast TWC merger. Adrienne Chamberlain Torrance, CA .Comcast has actively worked to get their consumers fired from their jobs. How is that good for the economy? Not to mention the monopoly they would have!

#### Peter Wong

San Francisco, CA

.Comcast has a well-deserved reputation for delivering crappy cable service while gouging customers for as much as they can get away with. Letting the company merge with Time-Warner will not lead to increased customer efficiency but even worse service and more price-gouging. Stop the merger now! Lynette Coffey

Shasta Lake, CA

.Comcast has a well earned reputation for poor customer service and does not deserve to have a monopoly on anything, in CA, or anywhere else, for that matter. Monopolies are bad for everyone except those raking in their ill gained profits. NO to a Comcast take over, in CA!!

# Bernie Album

Petaluma, CA

.Comcast has a reputation for poor service according to all my friends in Petaluma,CA & 1 in Kentucky. A merger will reduce any incentive to provide quality service. Say NO to this merger in California

## David Clarkson Monterey, CA

.Comcast has a near monopoly in Monterey. Their service reflects this position - it is the worst consumer product service I have experienced. I had to make nine calls to their service department to fix a minor mistake they made to my account. Their rates continue to increase even with the poor service.

David Childs San Diego, CA .Comcast has a horrible customer approval. Why would you want it to pollute our state by letting it take over Time Warner? Mads Bjerre Los Angeles, CA .Comcast has a deplorable record of addressing consumers' needs and requests. Reduction of competition by the proposed merger with Warner's will only make the situation worse. Susan Arnett Stockton, CA .Comcast gives horrible service, is deceptive, and rates are way too high. They have no competition so there is no incentive for them to do anything else! Say NO to the merger. It will make matters worse!

Ralph Sackerman Carmel, CA .Comcast frightens me!!

Michael McGrady Palm Springs, CA .COMCAST fees are already excessive given the monopoly they have in San Francisco and Time Warner in the San Diego area. Allowing them to merge and create an even bigger monopoly will only hurt consumers. Denyse Watkins Sacramento, CA .Comcast fails to provide customer service but tells customer we R here to serve U. As a customer I complained about a bad picture - They told me that would be charged for a service call even if problem could not diagnosed. Changed providers

Gary Nordstrom Durham, CA .Comcast drives up consumer prices every time they make an acquisition. They are bad for consumers. We already have the highest internet costs in the world. Christine O'Neill Pleasant Hill, CA .Comcast does not meet my needs - either as a provider or its potential to ream its market. Just say NO to the Comcast and Time Warner cable merger!

## PT ROCKWELL

SAN CARLOS, CA

.comcast does not have good reviews especialy back east. Long waits for help, cost increases even with contract. competition is the only thing that keeps providers trying to win you over. DON'T LET THIS TURN INTO A MONOPOLY! Gerald Pearlman Mill Valley, CA .Comcast does not deserve an opportunity to expand further in view of the poor quality and exorbitant fees it presently offers to consumers!

#### FRANK KIERNAN

Olivehurst, CA

.Comcast does not deliver on the speeds or service they advertise. Their customer service is lacking and they should not be allowed to control the market just because they have the money to buy out competitors. Larry and Mike Timmons and Gravelle Fresno, CA .COMCAST definitely needs to be put in their place. We have been with them for about 15 years. Their rates keep going up and NO better service.

Charles Witschorik Sunnyvale, CA .Comcast charges very high prices just for internet-only service and AT&T is no better. We need more competition, not less. Virginia Roberts El Dorado Hills, CA

.Comcast can't provide basic services, so why would you allow them to merge with Time Warner Cable? Last night, yet again, sound was lost for part of one show, and a second show cut out before the ending... Until Comcast can demonstrate that they can provide current customers with reliable service, do not allow a merger -- it will only hurt consumers even more. Shellee Davis Cotati, CA

.Comcast cable's offerings and service is appalling, and historically monopolies provide terrible service because there is no competition. Please block the merger of Comcast and Time Warner in order to protect Californian consumers from price gouging, frustrating service and frustrating service people. whose "help" is not helpful. George Fosselius EL CERRITO, CA

.Comcast Cable is a public utility and should be regulated as such. Time-Warner is a content provider and should have the same access to ISPs as I do, a citizen and a voter.

Richard Lechtenberg San Diego, CA .Comcast aquisition of Time Warner Cable would be ruinous to all subscribers. Stop this nonsense please. Philip Weingrow Oakland, CA .Comcast appears to have more power than the Utility Commission that is supposed to be regulating it. We need more REAL choices not less.

eric Hompe Palm Springs, CA .Comcast and Time-Warner need to be competitors, not allies!!! Frederick Hamilton Rancho Cucamonga, CA .Comcast and Time Warner would control to much of the market which would be BAD for consumers! sheedy dedashti del mar, CA .Comcast and Time Warner should not merge. Kristan Cavina Anaheim, CA .Comcast and Time Warner need to be regulated, not merged.

Peter Whelan Palo Alto, CA .Comcast and Time Warner merging will move us ever closer to a monopolistic corporate control of Our society, which means the quality of life will be downgraded. I strongly urge you: Do not allow this merger.

Ira Krauss Moreno Valley, CA .Comcast and Time Warner does very poorly when it comes to hearing impaired community, poor closed captions and lack of discounts for fixed income customers.

Jack Morrison Costa Mesa, CA .Comcast and Time Warner Cable should not be allowed to merge.Competition helps society. Monopolies are bad for the economy. Ted Clausen Healdsburg, CA

.Comcast and Time Warner are abusive, exploitative entities that provide the public with terrible customer service and disappointing programming protected by their monopoly market positions. Allowing the merger of these two businesses in California will make a bad situation worse. George F. Klipfel II, CLS Cathedral City, CA .Comcast and Time Warner already control too much of the cable industry in California. We need to encourage more competition, not less.

Keith Hall Guerneville, CA .Comcast and others charge way too much for very little service. Remove them from the state.

Patricia Wilson

San Jose, CA

.Comcast already wants me to pay only online and with all the hacking I have refused. They have also charged those in poorer areas more than they charge in well-to do areas. Chris eldridge fair oaks, CA

Tair oaks, CA

.Comcast already treats its customers badly with poor service and higher and higher prices. If Comcast becomes larger through increased market share, it will only become worse for consumers. Competition increases benefits for consumers--market domination does not.

Colin Ramsay Sebastopol, CA .Comcast already overcharges for its content.They don't need further consolidation for higher fees. James Sullivan

Santa Cruz, CA

.Comcast already makes too many arbitrary policies effecting whaty we, the public can and cannoy see. I pay far too much for the few things that I want to see and have to subscribe to a "bundle" in order to receive those few things. A merger with Time Warner smacks of monopoly. Please don't allow that to occur. Thank you for your consideration. David Togasaki Oakland, CA .comcast already is in a near oligopoly situation now. The lack of competition by other possible carriers seems to be just short of collusion. June Green

Belmont, CA

.Comcast already has way too much power over it customers and it is so clear that Comcast is not about serving their customers at a reasonable and responsible price. It will be a terrible abuse of the regular current internet users if they get more power by having less competition.

Douglas Estes San Francisco, CA .COMCAST already has too much power. It should be split up not enlarged. Mary Coker Morgan Hill, CA

.Comcast already has too much control over our media. What happened to a free market? Most of us in the bay area have no choice at all. We are sitting ducks for too powerful companies. They have already been found guilty in the South for manipulating elections by controlling access. Mary Coker 2110 Green Acres Lane Morgan Hill, Ca. 95037

Clifford Benzel Rio Vista, CA .Comcast already has too much clout in California. This merger would only cost consumers more money as higher cable and satellite charges. Sincerely, Clifford Benzel, 313 Spyglass Drive, Rio Vista, CA. 94571

Mary Wells Acampo, CA .Comcast already has some of the worst customer service in the nation. Taking over TWC would give them even more license to hurt consumers. Keith Gordon Arroyo Grande, CA .Comcast already has monopoly power over too many people. Elizabeth McNiel

San Francisco, CA

.comcast already has a virtual monopoly here. Mew would prefer to,have satellite tv but in order ot have high speedminternet, Comcast is our only option, and since everything is bundled, we have to have their tv too. Please don't give them even more control!

James Arthur Milpitas, CA .Comcast already has a monopoly in the San Francisco Bay Area and we have seen the results. High prices, poor service and limited choices. Don't let them get bigger. Homer Leonard Los Gatos, CA

Cynthia Hunter

.Comcast already dose not offer many choices to its customers. It bundles services to benefit their interests and not the desires of their customers. For example TV Bundles that include channels that I don't want and does not include channels I do want. Also requiring cable TV service in order to get Internet service.

Faith Miller

Richmond, CA

.Comcast already controls too much of the cable/internet market here. A merger with Time Warner would only make it worse. Mill Valley, CA .Comcast already charges very high prices and faces no competition in many markets. I ask you to oppose allowing Comcast to gain even more market share and raise prices even more. ed cassidy redwood city, CA .comcast already charges too much for a very mediocre product. so how can giving them even more of a monopoly help the consumer hep the consumer? hint-it can't

Dana Weikel Hanford, CA .Comcast already charges higher rates with less service. We don't need more of it.

Rufus Browning San Francisco, CA .Comcast already acts like a lazy, arrogant, high-cost monopolist. A merger with Time Warner Cable will only exacerbate that stance. Don't let it happen! It's a bad deal for California consumers! Ashley Blinn Cameron Park, CA

.Comcast already owns much of the market. They clearly do not try to cut consumer costs, but think of ways to charge more each year. We don't want to encourage the formation of monopolies, quite the contrary!

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clearly do not try to cut consumer costs, but think of ways to charge more each year. We don't want to encourage the formation of monopolies, quite the contrary! Will Richmond Fresno, CA .Comcable is bad for Business Stephanie Feiring San Francisco, CA .Citizens like me would be ignored by Comcast. This is the way that Corporate America is becoming. YOU NEED TO SAY "NO" TO THE COMCAST TIME WARNER CABLE merger!!

Gustav Swanson San Diego, CA .Christ - Internet speeds are bad enough as it is. So now through even less competition they can charge even more? This is economic rape!

Carol Callaway Dublin, CA .Choose what is best for the users, not the company. Comcast has taken over services in too many communities. It would be SO close to a monopoly....

Matthew Henson North Hollywood, CA .Choices are important in the marketplace.

Paula Richards
Encino, CA
Choice is always in my best interest, and if Comcast takes over TW then my choice is once again limited..... I am opposed to this merger and do not see how I will benefit now or in the future.

Jay Rutherdale Sacramento, CA

.Choice and competition protects our ability to get good service at a fair price. They want to control it all not because they can provide better service at lower prices, but because they can make more money. We will get nothing out of it and we will have less ability to choose which is our best voice. Sean Mahoney Santa Ana, CA .Chanute, KS. Is that where all of this is headed? Elizabeth Adams Marysville, CA .Californians will be harmed by a Comcast monopoly. Don't let them take control.

David Swanson Santa Barbara, CA .Californians need more competition, not less. I urge you to reject the Comcast merger. Stephanie Gould Cambria, CA .Californians deserve MORE internet CHOICES not fewer! Please stop the Time-Warner/Comcast merger.

Susanna Miller Port Hueneme, CA .Californians deserve better than geographic monopolies with crappy service. Competition is the lifeblood of business; monopoly is the death of innovation. Jose de Barros Menlo Park, CA

.Californians already have too few choices of Internet and Cable providers in many areas, and a merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable would decrease such choices even further. We are already badly served with the current levels of competition, and this will becomes much worse if merger happens.

#### Ray Love

### Santa Cruz, CA

.California: Say NO to Comcast (Customers living in red areas will belong to Comcast after the merger.) Comcast is drooling over the thought of dominating the California market. But you can help ruin its appetite! The California Public Utilities Commission can block Comcast's bid to takeover Time Warner Cable if it determines the merger is not in your best interest. But the PUC needs to hear from every Californian fed up with high prices and lousy service for phone and broadband services. We have only one week to get your messages of opposition into the PUC. Submit your thoughts on why you think it's a bad idea to allow Comcast to control California's market, then spread this far and wide! If we can block the merger in California, this whole deal could go down in flames! That means 11

Christine Walker Stanton, CA .California: Say NO to Comcast

Ilene Moir Carlsbad, CA .California, this is our chance to say NO. Let's be first, and let the other states follow. Pete Johnson Santa Ceuz, CA .California needs more competition in the broadband market, not less.

ted davis Sacramento, CA .California needs competition to keep prices down. Reject comcast monopoly drive. Adolfo Camacho Humphrey Santa Cruz, CA

.California is the Tech, Biotech & Film Industry hub we all have different needs. A potential Monopoly will affect these 3 industries in different ways; not to mention those of us who telecommute for work!. We need to remain diverse and independently connected in ways that suit ALL of our polygonal endeavors. One company or monopoly WILL NOT be able to configure it's software/hardware to meet ALL of our NEEDS simultaneously without compromising our industries here in California!

Gerry Germany Arroyo Grande, CA .California does not need LESS competition. This proposed merger, like many before it will facilitate LESS choice, HIGHER fees and MORE discontent. Please do NOT allow this to happen!

#### Gary Barton Santa Ana, CA

.California does not need companies that are "too big to fail." We need companies that will provide us with fair prices, good service, and innovative programming. That will not happen with a mega-company that is big it can dictate all aspects of media use, both for entertainment and for communication. Comcast is a leader in attempting to stop net neutrality. We need a neutral net to protect all users, not just the big guys. Help Californians, help consumers! Stop the Comcast-Time Warner merger! Big money should not run everything!

#### Jeff Adams Santee, CA

.Cable services are already overpriced for what they provide. We have to pay for channels we don't watch (such as sports, shopping, Spanish language stations, etc.), and the speed of our Internet is a joke compared to other countries. And the cost just keeps going up, up, up, with no real value given in return for escalating prices caused by monopolies. Please think about the common man when considering the Comcast/Time Warner merger. It will only hurt us little guys.

Alan Mandelberg San Diego, CA .Cable monopoly is already responsible for poor service and inflated charges. This flies in the face of this country's alleged commitment to free enterprise. We don't need to make this sad situation even worse.

Kathleen Masser San Pedro, CA .Cable customers have too few options as it is. A Comcast/Time Warner merger would be disastrous for consumers. I'll soon be moving to a Comcast community and am dismayed by the limited choices I'll have when it comes to media access. Please, do the right thing and reject the merger.

Karl Chan

LITTLEROCK, CA

.Cable cost is already outrageous. Please help by keeping competition for a healthy market place. Stop the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

Edward Biglin Santa Rosa, CA .Cable companies were foolishly granted local monopolies originally, and while that surely stimulated some infrastructure investment, that time is now over. Larger and lager monopolies d not serve consumers well -- the capitalist system is about competition and it is your job to preserve competition, not eliminate it.

james mccord carlsbad, CA

.Cable companies provide terrible customer service and mergers like this only reward and promote bad behavior from cable providers. Stop the merger!

Richard Neffson Rohnert Park, CA .Cable companies and satellite companies need to be better regulated so Dish customers such as myself are not facing the prospect of losing CBS because corporate leaders have never been taught to play nicely in their sandbox. Richard Neffson Brian Oliver

Fair Oaks, CA

.Cable companies already have too much of a monopoly in their designated markets, the merger of Comcast/Time Warner will only make things worse for consumers. Fewer choices, higher prices, worse customer service.

Maryellen Redish

Palm Springs, CA

.Cable companies already have limited our choices and the idea of this merger would pretty much constitute a monopoly. We need more competition in this area not less. James Egerton Vista, CA .Cable companies already have a territorial monopoly and if the merger goes through they will have a Comcast will have a total monopoly over 60% of the market. Please do not let this happen. Martin Leblang Poway, CA .Cable bills have been steadily rising. Reducing competition in the cable market can only make the situation worse.

Douglas Gabbey Rancho Palos Verdes, CA .Cable and Satellite TV is already too expensive without reducing competition further.

emery sammut Roseville, CA .Ca, doesn't need another.The merging companies pass the cost on to the consumer.Give the consumer a break.We can't afford more price hikes.Please give this merger a lot of thought.Thanks Emery SAmmut ......

Becci Greene Petaluma, CA .Bust the monopoly that threatens us all

Matthew Bien

San Jose, CA

.Broadband should be a utility. No monopolies and duopolies. Do not allow Comcast and TWC to merge. Preserve net neutrality for the future. This is not an argument about best pricing. This is a long term principle necessary to secure democracy and our children's future. Suzanne Pinto

San Rafael, CA

.Break up Comcast and Time Warner into smaller, competing companies, A merger will allow them to increase their bullying and consumers will have not alternate choices. These companies already have lousy customer service with no incentive to improve. Their prices are excessive, especially for those living on limited incomes. Malc Moore Portola, CA .Break up Comcast and Exxon. big criminal organizations.

William Paul Saupe Windsor, CA .Break up Comcast

#### Nicholas Meier

#### Aptos, CA

.Both of these companies have terrible records for their service tom costumers. Allowing them to merge and create a virtual monopoly would give consumers fewer options and reward their horrible records of concern for their customers. We need more competition not less in all areas of media and telecommunications.

### Jermiah Cline

#### Sacramento, CA

.both companies have bad reputations for customer service and our government is suppose to have protections against monopolies in business allowing this merger to happen is a huge step to a monopoly and drives up the prices even more for lower income people and others as well.

## Anthony Mustaro

## Santa Rosa, CA

.Both Comcast and Time Warner Cable have a very poor customer service record. The only small amount of leverage the consumer has in dealing with these two behemoths is in competition between them. This merger will be bad for all California citizens and I urge you to reject this and demonstrate that the government of California is not for sale.

#### Howard Strong

#### Tarzana, CA

.Both Comcast and Time Warner Cable are well-known to have terrible customer service and rapacious pricing tied deceptive marketing. These are some of the reasons they are among the most despised companies in America. Their proposed merger is clearly NOT in the public interest. Please do NOT approve this proposed merge. Joanne Thielen Banning, CA .both are greedy and poor providers. Together they'd be a disaster! victor horwitz Burlingame, CA .bot new tv. comcast unable to send technician to install new digital hd box for 10 days. am unable to install myself. great service !! vh

Diana Parnell Ross, CA .Block the merger of Comcast and TW Cable. Comcast is way too expensive already. We're close to retirement and I don't see how we'll be able to afford it (over 225 per month with phone and internet) in the very near future. TW Cable is more reasonable.

Jo Ann Falcetti La Quinta, CA .BLOCK THE MERGER

Susan Bradley Laytonville, CA .Block the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger. Huge mergers like these do not benefit the average citizens like my husband and me. NO to COMCAST, please! Thanks you.

Angelica Delarosa Chino Hills, CA .block Comcast from monopolizing Katherine McCanlies Santa Rosa, CA

.Bigger isn't better. Limiting choices for the consumer in favor of big business is a terrible idea. Both Comcast & Time Warner Cable are overpriced and provide poor service. Allowing them to merge will only create an overpriced and poor service provider behemoth that will have undue influence on internet and media to the detriment of all Californians.

Frank Zedek Novato, CA .Bigger isn't better for the consumer. Stop the insanity NOW!

Marjorie Engel LA, CA .Bigger is not better. Especially when it concerns media. please do not approve the merger of two large corporations into one huge corporation that will have even more leeway to overcharge for mediocre service. James Whitfield Clayton, CA .BIGGER IS NOT BETTER! Monopolies cost us money! We consumers don't have much choice in our service plans now; it will be worse and more expensive if Comcast is our only choice.

Sylvia Almstadt

San Gabriel, CA

.Bigger is not better in spite of what corporations tell us. Please protect us from large corporations as they try to take over our daily lives. We need to make these choices ourselves. Julie Machado Hayward, CA .Bigger is NOT better for the consumer! Don't fall for it! Comcast has only gotten worse over the years, not better. Customer service doesn't exist. Don't let them get a monopoly! John Cowan Grass Valley, CA .Bigger is not better C Schmidt danville, CA .bigger is not better

Joseph Hancock Los Angeles, CA .bigger is not always better. Who would this merger benefit ? Not the consumer! Say no to corporate greed.

Joel Levine Ukiah, CA .Bigger Comcast just means Bigger Bills for consumers. How about some competition?

David Sommer Whitethorn, CA .Big is not better in this case. I don;t want anyone entity deciding what I can watch and how much I will pay for it.

Ida Hurt Northridge, CA .Big is not beautiful, especially in merging entities. Please halt this merger! Brigid McCormick San Francisco, CA .big is bad Gail Jarocki Richmond, CA .BIg corporations are ruling our lives. As a nation we need competition to become better - not domination we need creative thinking which gets dulled when no one has choices.

Anthony Braun Poway, CA .believe that this Comcast takeover would be unfair. Please do not allow Comcast to overrun our fair trade options. Anne Combs Los Angeles, CA .Behemoth companies trying to monopolize a business area are not good for consumers. I oppose the merger of Comcast and Time Warner (of which I am a subscriber).

Rachel Cullar Oakley, CA .Become a Benefit Corp. Make the higher good part of your mission. diane bloom Richmond, CA .Be Fair. don't be greedy. AND DON''T RAISE PRICES!!! Jill Terry San Francisco, CA .Bad, bad, bad idea. Now Comcast -- already a customer-service monster and kind of price hikes -- can operate with even less competition? Are you kidding me?

Bonnie Price Torrance, CA .Bad for customers, listen to our voices

Michael Hampton San Francisco, CA .Attention:California PUC, please do not approve this merger. It limits tge public's choice of service and creates, better yet, adds to an already bloated mega corporation. Make the right decision for California consumers, deny this merger.

patrick sams Santa Rosa, CA .At this point ISP's should be considered a basic utility and should be regulated as such as well as fostering great infrastructure with equal access for all.

## Orville Culp

Brea, CA

.At one time I used Time Warner but it became more than I could stomach when they started dropping stations and the only way you could get them back was to pay extra . If this merger goes through we well more than likely see more of the same . Don Jewett

## Mill Valley, CA

At a time when there is already too few providers. At a time when the big players call all the shots. At a time when the PUC can guard against big getting bigger. At a time when Comcast has repeatedly lied about its true intentions. This is the time! The PUC should represent the consumers and Halt the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger. Please act for those whose interests you are to watch over-- The first name of the PUC says it all. Please halt the merger.

#### Thomas Hart

San Diego, CA

At 76 and counting, and as a retired civil service IT design engineer in telecom & computer management (acquired degrees in early to mid 80's) I wholeheartedly recommend that you approve the merger of Comcast & TimeWarner. But disapprove consumer cost increases for 5 years. Authorize only non-profit status of the new entity. Authorize all gross profits to be distributed to investors. That would benefit the general population of California the most. You get my point.

Richard Shelton Bakersfield, CA .Aside from the fact comcast would dominate the market, there history of bad customer service is well known. I urge the CPUC to say no to the merger.

## Bill Sampson

### Malibu, CA

.As you doubtless know our service here in Malibu is already terrible, in part because TWC refuses to permit our local carriers to carry the Dodgers. Continuing with this merger sanctifies this bad behavior. Don't do it.

# Nancy smith

## Oakland, CA

.As you can see I deal w/ Comcast everyday. They are over priced, limited in customer service, and package everything so that there are no choices for the consumer. Plus they are outrageously expensive and raising their prices every day!!! Do not let this merger bring that misery to our state!

# Jack Litewka

Berkeley, CA

.As we all know, absence of competition results in monopolistic-like actions, even if the entity is not technically/legally a monopoly. Competition is good for consumers for all the obvious reasons, so we should encourage it rather than allow it to be stifled. Robert and Edlyne Lloyd Van Nuys, CA

As very senior citizens we struggle to keep up with the rising costs of TV reception. It is by far our primary source of news and entertainment. In our area we "served" by Time Warner. Everyone we know who has TW complains about their service and ever rising costs. We believe that a merger with Comcast will compound that problem and kindly request that you deny such a merger. Only competition will keep costs somewhat in line for we elders on limited income and this merger will reduce competition. Thank you for your assistance.

#### Barbara Warner Spring Valley, CA

As someone who once was an employee of one of these cable entities, I saw firsthand what they saw as their first priority: profit and increasing market share. Customer service and product quality were peripheral concerns, which is reflected by Comcast and Time Warner consistently occupying the lowest consumer satisfaction rankings. Nothing in the merger between these two reliably poor service providers will improve that service for me or other cable customers.

Jeff Nichols

Citrus Heights, CA

.As it stands now i can barely afford to have Comcast internet.with Comcast and Time Warner merger they will controll the market they will raise the prices through the roof

#### Maria Mascaro

### Menlo Park, CA

As it is now, Comcast provides terrible customer service. In the past few months, we switched from Comcast/Xfinity to AT&T because of repeated service interruptions caused by Comcast and its failure to promptly correct the problems. (We always timely pay our bills - this was not a payment issue.) Comcast would leave notes on our front door saying service was out, but then when we'd call to schedule the repair, we'd get a date a week away. If Comcast is permitted to get even more market power, I suspect service would get even worse. Please do not permit the merger.

Lauren Linda Laguna Woods, CA .As for mergers, bigger is worser (for the consumer). Please represent us individuals, not corporations.

# Alexander Lepis

## Placerville, CA

.As appointed, paid public employees, you have the responsibility to listen to the public (who pay your salary). We as the public have no choice but to abide by your decisions. If those decisions are contrary to the publics' desired, the only recourse we have is to have our ELECTED representatives remove you from office. Celeste Hong

Los Angeles, CA

.As an existing dissatisfied Time Warner customer, I know that a Time-Warner/Comcast merger would simply create a cable monopoly giving customers no choice and worse service. Phone and internet services are too crucial to allow one company to dominate the market.

# Angela Mogin

## San Mateo, CA

As a. Comcast customer, I can swear that the company provides the worst possible customer service available. They supply defective equipment and then charge to replace it. Their service personnelareincompetent, constantly returning complaining customers to telephone loops where they an be put on hold for. 30 or 40minutes or more. There is no justification for expanding their customer base by increasing the monopoly power they already misuse. They can't service their current captive subscribers, pleease don't allow them to add more sufferers.

#### Brian Kim

#### Paramount, CA

As a TWC customer, I'm shocked that such a lowcompetition monopolistic industry like Cable Internet (which is often the ONLY fast internet anyone can get in their area) is being allowed to even consider merging into a giant monopoly with too much market power. Especially since Comcast owns NBC, which creates a huge conflict of interest when you consider that it controls the internet pipes to people that watch TV and use the internet to watch internet video. Comcast already has tons of motivation to use its market power to create fast lanes and use its services to compete against its TV, Satellite, ISP, and Internet Video rivals and if it was able to buy out TWC, it would have the ability to have even more monopoly market power to not only crush ISP competition, but also to make sure .1 . . .

#### Michael Mellin

#### San Jose, CA

As a vice-president of Paramount Communications Inc. I helped transform the Time Warner merger from a sweetheart deal into a corporate suicide pact. I'm proud of that. The proposed absorption of Time Warner into Comcast is a huge step in the wrong direction. Comcast, a tightly owned, essentially family-controlled company. Its practices are anti-competitive and anticustomer. As an ISP it routinely invades the privacy of its subscribers. Its ambition to control content and electronic distribution is deeply anti-democratic. Its ultimate goal is to control Americans' access to information and entertainment. That's too much power.

## Paul Okimoto

Pinole, CA

.As a retiree, my TV viewing choices are becoming increasingly limited due to rising cost of special events. Please do not approve this merger.

don emery Livermore, CA .As a customer I say they've raised rates fast enough without a monopoly.

### Dean Hubbard

#### Chico, CA

.As a current Comcast customer I can tell you that no good will come of this merger and consumer choice will be severely degraded. In turn fewer choices means higher costs for the consumer. DO NOT allow this merger. Best regards Dean Hubbard
#### Dorothy Conroy Menlo Park, CA

As a country we are getting farther and farther away form anti- trust considerations. I believe a merger of Comcast and Time Warner fits into this category. Even if there is disagreement on this anti-trust issue I still firmly believe a merger is not in the best interest of the people of California. Please do not approve this merger! Thank you.

#### A Beall Poway, CA

.As a consumer, I want to have a choice of who provides cable service for my home. Not only will allowing one company control over a large portion of homes mean higher cable prices, but any such company could then control and promote its own agenda without restraint. Please DO NOT allow these very large communications companies to become any larger or remove our ability to have a choice of providers.

# Tim Tolbert

Los Gatos, CA

As a Comcast subscriber, the last thing I want to see is a complete market takeover by Comcast. America has always stood for competition and freedom of choice. That is taken away when there is only a choice!

### Eileen Hinds

Concord, CA

As a Comcast customer, I'm certain that an even larger entity with even less incentive to provide for the public good would be a disaster for consumers.

JOHN MAYBURY MOSS BEACH, CA .As a Comcast customer, I strongly oppose this merger.

### Len Gensburg

Mill Valley, CA

As a Comcast customer, I strongly oppose the Comcast Time Warner merger. Comcast has raised price much greater than inflation over the years. They now seem to be finding new ways to get us to pay more without overtly raising prices, such as charging monthly for digital adapters that previously were free. These companies need more competition, not less. will cawthra San Diego, CA .As a citizen of the state of California I believe this merger is not in the best interests of any citizen. Sincerely, Will Cawthra San Diego, CA 92105 Mark Snowden Los Angeles, CA

As a citizen of California I should have the right of choice. Increasingly, government and big business are taking that right away from me. I can't believe that the elected officials and those who have been appointed to represent our citizens would side with big business against the citizens of this state. Public utilities like cable and the internet should be transparent to every citizen and the right of choice should not be taken away. Please do not allow this merger in our state.

## Bette Spagel

Oakland, CA

.as a 20+year subscriber to Comcast, it is especially irksome to see that they offer introductory (but good for a year) teaser rates to new customers, but doe their best to make up the loss by continuing to raise rates for long time subscribers. If the two entities are allowed to merge, economies of scale may take place, but you can bet that any savings will NOT be passed on to consumers.

William Bernard Monterey, CA .Approving the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger would be a huge step backwards for many of us. Please reject this unseemly plan.

Ken Van Cleave Santa Rosa, CA .Approval of the merger between Comcast and Time Warner would create a "runaway train" of price escalations. Please don't allow that to happen. Stephen Amodt Menifee, CA .Anything to penalize your customers. STOP THIS STUPIDITY AND GREED NOW!!!!!!!!! NO MERGER!!!!!!!!! Philip Johnston

Scotts Valley, CA

Anything that allows Comcast, or any major media/telecommunications company to further consolidate their holdings by taking over Time Warner Cable will further erode my choice and access as a consumer. This is bad economic policy and bad public policy. Because Comcast has what amounts to a monopoly on the cable TV delivery in my area, I have no choice but to put up with their mediocre customer service and greedy rate hikes that often coincide with less choice and offerings. Although I could save money by getting my internet from Comcast via a bundled package, I choose to pay more from a local internet service provider (cruzio.com) that has awesome customer service and actually uses their profits to expand and enhance their delivery and quality. Unlike

Douglas Smith La Canada, CA .Any savings obtained through this merger will be passed on to stock holders and corporate leaders instead of to consumers. Don't let this happen.

David Locey Sacramento, CA .Any Cable TV that changes their rates without sufficient note is not a company that should be allowed to expand without restraint. That is how Comcast operates. That is why I oppose this merger.

Claudia Gibson Fairfax, CA .ANTI TRUST I hope they get broken up like ma bell! To much media control in just 2 hands! NO NO NO

Sabra Rahel Ojai, CA .Another voter saying "No" to the merger of Comcast and TWC! Marilyn Spivey San Pedro, CA .Another merger will only raise the cost of living. Most of us are already sick and tired of the cable games! Karen Mayer

Eureka, CA

Another case of a business getting so big it believes it can do anything and not regard people at all! When will ordinary persons stop being hurt? Comcast and Time Warner are already too big! Their merger would be devastating! STOP THE MERGER PLEASE! James Dotson Half Moon Bay, CA .An open competitive marketplace is a requisite for a free enterprise society.

Susan Ackerberg Santa Rosa, CA .Americans don't like a monopoly. Lisa Palacio Aptos, CA

.America was built on family-owned businesses and small businesses. It promoted competition which kept prices down. Additionally, small businesses tend to offer personable customer service because the employees not only work in the community but they live there, too. I haven't been able to afford Comcast's super-high prices in years. By allowing them to merge with Time Warner Cable, we will forever lose competition and affordable cable. Everyday Americans aren't wealthy and deserve affordable TV and internet programming. We already have too many conglomerate corporations in America. PUC: Please make California a model by banning this merger. This will send a powerful message across the nation and hopefully this merger will not happen! Sincerely, Lisa Palacio 130 . . . .  $\mathbf{a}$ 

#### LOLA BALDWIN

Huntington Beach, CA .Am not happy with the service of Time Warner and would definitely not like to see this merger proceed. Californians don't need Comcast to monopolize the cable market.

Claude Fischer Berkeley, CA .Although I use Comcast internet, I use other services for TV and phone. I don't want to strangled by Comcast. Adil Mehta

Van Nuys, CA

Although I have no plans to use either Comcast or Time Warner's services, I do not believe it is in the best interest of the consumers to have a merger between two huge companies. Lack of competition is what drives up prices and degrades the service provided. Susan Price San Jose, CA

.Already, my service with Comcast is inadequate. Don't make it worse. I am just a single user and I am sure that my needs will be pushed aside if this merger is allowed.

Tom Kint Hayward, CA .Already to big g. Rachal Los Angeles, CA .already have trouble with cable company

Keith Burrows

Half Moon Bay, CA

Allowing this monopoly will severely limit, and allow control of, information and commerce by one institution. This only feeds the best interests of this corporation, not the people they should serve. It is simply un-American to limit completion, as even the republican Teddy Roosevelt would tell you. He would never have stood for this. Michael Koevenig Ventura, CA .Allowing this merger is tantamount to allowing a monopoly. That is bad enough for the consumer but the merging companies have historically been aloof regarding the concerns of the consumer. Bruce Roller Palm Desert, CA .Allowing mega mergers like this creates monopolistic entities that have no reason to exist in a democracy. MaryKay Rodarte Phelan, CA

Allowing Comcast to take over Time Warner would be terrible. We need more completion in cable not less. They have no incentive to be competitive unless their is completion. Customer service is a laughing matter, but it seriously affects customers.

Bruce Montgomery Carlsbad, CA .Allowing a bigger monopoly comprised of two firms already providing mediocre product is unthinkable. Mary Stewart

Wilmington, CA

After the problems with Dodger telecasts and continuing disputes related to other TV service providers, it is obvious that the industry is already too concentrated. Instead of permitting another merger, it's time to reduce the area companies are able to control. There is no good reason for Comcast to absorb Time Warner Cable.

### Maurice Leathers

San Diego, CA

After reading the information available I do not believe (as a consumer) this merger is in my best interest. I believe the internet should remain free and this type of merger can only lead to the erosion of that, deleting the competition, and gaining control. Joanne Kelly

Monterey, CA

After moving to a retirement home, I was told I could not continue the satellite service I had for 25 years. I chose Comcast over ATT. I thought I would adjust but I have not adjusted. Comcast is inferior in every way to DirecTV. The menu and guide are about 15 years behind the times. And the service is deplorable. The person in the Philipines does not understand what I say. I have been told to hang up and the service person would call me within 1/2 hour. I never heard from the man again. Comcast is a BAD company! Comcast is bad for the American worker and the American user. Atanu Banerjee Glendale, CA .Affordable so competitive, fast and hawk-free broadband connection is not a luxury. Monopoly in this century is frustrating and we should do everything against this. Thanks. Joanne Snyder San Diego, CA .Actually, as a Time Warner subscriber, I am fairly pleased with the service they provide. Except for some annoying lapses in reception, their service and employees are commendable. So, as the old saying states, "If it's not broke, don't fix it," I personally see no logic in merging Time Warner with Comcast.

Martha Roy El Cajon, CA .Access to on line/cable information is too expensive already. Don't make it worse! No to the COMCAST merger! julie lawyer benicia, CA .Abusive corporations must be dismantled. This merger does not serve the people. High prices, busy networks, poor service,

Donald Volz Thousand Oaks, CA .Absolutely NO to higher rates and bad service. Do not allow this merger. Donald Bixby Ross, CA .Absolutely NO to Comcast merger with Time Warner. We need more choices, not less. Donald Bixb Sherry Meddick Silverado, CA .Absolutely NO merger. Ever. This company is just despised nationwide for its terrible service.

Debra Lurie Richmond, CA .Abolutely not. Things are bad enough as they are. What we don't need is even less competition.

Patrick Stanford Salinas, CA

A vibrant economy includes vibrant competition. In order to maintain its market share in a competitive market, supplies must provide good products and services to its customers. Ideally the cable TV market should be open to all suppliers who wish to enter the market. Unfortunately, local markets have been distorted by exclusivity agreements with city, county and state governments. That means there is a monopoly for the service provider. The consumer lacks a choice. The PUC can help alleviate that condition by denying the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. The legislature could help even more by making exclusivity agreements illegal. Why should one company control a market? Why are consumers not permitted to decide which company they choose to provide service to their

Raymond Katz Larkspur, CA .A true democracy needs net neutrality. Bernadette Webster Whitethorn, CA .A TRUE DEMOCRACY needs access to all information to make intelligent decisions. With only corporate (mis-)information we can be condemned to death for their profit.

Sharon Hull

Santa Cruz, CA

A virtual monopoly - which is what we'll have if Comcast & Time Warner are allowed to merge - is NEVER good for consumers. High prices, fewer choices, investors' welfare always put ahead of customers' in California - all are guaranteed with a merger. PLEASE don't allow the merger to take place. Ehsan Nourbakhsh San Jose, CA .A one-company dominance on the market will just allow Comcast to charge higher and provide lower service quality. Keep the market free and competitive by barring this merger. Florence Silver Fremont, CA .a more aggravating company I cannot imagine. And yes, we have such limited choices. I want several companies to choose from, and one might even be more responsive to genuine complaints!

Harry Squires Redondo Beach, CA .A monopoly is never good for consumers. Please don't let Comcast control access to cable and the internet throughout our state. Allison bills Los Angeles, CA .A monopoly is never good for consumers. As a Comcast subscriber I still would not want them to acquire Time Warner.

Helen Mueller

Modesto, CA

A monopoly is never a good thing: it encourages the rise of greed, which then is followed by high prices. We need you commissioners to be our Teddy Roosevelts, that famous trust buster, and to protect us little guys. Thank you. Kathryn MacDonald

San Francisco, CA

A merger would be a very bad deal for consumers. Poor service, high prices, less control over content and no competition. Please!! do not allow a Comcast Time Warner merger. As a consumer, I do not support this merger at all. Nancy Forbes Rancho Palos Verdes, CA .A merger will provide no benefits at all to consumers-only to the company. Please work for your constituency, not for that company.

Gilbert Ross San Mateo, CA .A merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable would be a social injustice.

james baker Los Gatos, CA .A merger between Comcast and Time-Warner would create a monopoly, which would very likely lead to higher prices for consumers and loss of net neutrality. Please prevent this from happening.

Gary Weinstein North Hollywood, CA .A merger between 2 giants can do little good for personal citizans.

M. Clifford Clark
Orange, CA
.A larger cable company is not in the best interest of customers. Time Walrner is already so large that a simple problem can tak up to a week to be resolved by them service technicians.

Britt Strader Kentfield, CA .A lack of competition allows the already rich (the 1%) to grow richer and those dependent upon the services of the biggest hog at the trough (the 99%) to grow poorer. Ojars KRATINS Walnut Creek, CA .A healthy economy needs many choices and competition. Do not let Comcast dominate the field. Paul McDowell Santa Barbara, CA .A corporation that would end net neutrality had no legitimate place in California, or any other state for that matter.

David Schwartz Sachse, TX .A Comcast merger would effectively destroy competition and expose consumers and government to the evils of monopoly. Less competition is a drag on progress and it's a huge job killer. I'm a life-long (since end of WW2) Caliafornia resident. Would hate to return home and find that consumers and government have lost an indespensible freedom.

John Gafford San Bruno, CA .A cable monopoly does us no good.

Lisa Awrey

Oakland, CA

A bigger Comcast is not a better Comcast. This mega company already provides high costs and questionable service to its customers, does not follow or promote sustainable, environmentally-conscious business practices and cares more about the bottom line than its customers and employees. Merging with Time Warner will only perpetuate and expand Comcast's profit before people and planet corporate agenda and not improve or serve our communities better.

Jan Biagini-Barroca San Francisco, CA .~~ NO! TO COMCAST TIME WARNER CABLE MERGER !!~~

### Craig Chatterton

## Watsonville, CA

..Please block the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger. Creating a monopoly for the California cable market will be bad for California. Although households are only served by one cable provider, residents have some choice in that they can move to or from an area served by a specific provider. Although not as convenient as switching service, this does give residents choice. And it provides competition among providers since their prices and services will be available to consumers. The merger will eliminate this choice and will likely lead to less competition, higher prices and poorer service. We need more competition for broadband services, not less. This merger is a bad idea and will likely hurt many California residents for many years to come. Please do not approve this merger.

Martin Pitts Los Angeles, CA

r johnson granada hills, CA ."Rule of Law" ? Anyone ?? The Sherman Antitrust Act (1890) The Federal Trade Commission Act (1914) The Clayton Antitrust Act (1914) Frank Bonthron Antioch, CA ."NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!, Before I swutched to satelite I had Comcast, They had the worst service, raised prices all of the time, not to mention the quality of the picture was terrible. You need to have more competition to keep prices down and inprove service, this would be a terrible merger if you allow it to happen

Jeffrey Carr Anaheim, CA ."NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Oya Cavdar San Jose, CA ."NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Catherine Hirsch Redway, CA ."NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Mike Kwasnicki Vacaville, CA ."NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger

J GABRIEL Santa Rosa, CA ."NO" "NO" "NO" April Barcenas Sacramento, CA ."MONOPOLY IS NEVER A GOOD IDEA"

B.E SILVERMAN III GRASS VALLEY, CA ." POWER CORRUPTS ' BEWARE THIS POWER GRAB

Gregg Oelker Altadena, CA . We need choices! James Roach Studio City, CA . The history of these mergers has shown diminished competition increased rates and worse service. Please stop it. Elizabeth Daniels Chico, CA . Stop with the MONOPOLIES!!! This is not in anyway capitalism... You'd best read up on WHAT capitalism truly is... ComCast..needs to get over it.... They need to do what the REST of us have to do.. They need to stop charging MORE and GIVING US LESS! Enough already!!!!

John Sledge Newport Beach, CA . Say "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! We need more competition and better service! Judy K Nelson Ojai, CA . Monopolies hurt free market, innovation, creativity and free speech

Nils von Rechendorff San Anselmo, CA . It is never in the interest of the general public to empower the creation of a specific and dominate entity. Susan Hughes San Francisco, CA . I am opposed to the merger of Comcast and Warner Cable. Please do not let it happen. Clark Cheff West Sacramento, CA . Competition breeds better pricing and service in the market place, not larger corporations. Respectfully Clark Cheff Eileen Pritzker San Francisco, CA . Competion is what makes our system work. It keeps companies from unfair practices. This proposed merger is going to limit peoples choices - thus drive up prices..... NO NO MERGER!!!

Ron Chong Hacienda Heights, CA . As a Time Warner Cable customer I do not want to see Comcast buying the company. Our service is satisfactory and a buyout will lessen competition and drive up prices even more.

Geoffrey Jewel Santa Barbara, CA . "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger!

Sam D fabela Vista, CA . There is only one purpose in this merger; to raise rates as high as they want. Totally wrong! Elizabeth Daniels Chico, CA . Give it a break. CABLE with no less than 40-65 channels need NOT BE more than \$45 Stop the monopoly....stop trying to have control of everything.. Eileen M. Terran, Ph.D. Chico, CA

. DO NOT ALLOW THE MERGER between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We have the WORST service from Comcast now, and it will be only much worse if they expand further. In the Consumer Reports study, the two worst cable vendors in the whole United States are Comcast and ATT. Those are the only choices we have now. Please do not make it worse! Thank you. Myrna Doering Jamestown, CA

. Competition is supposed to be the hallmark of capitalism. We have seen what monopolization has done in our communication and banking industries. Consumers have little or no choice but to accept the terms and conditions that megacorporations choose to delilver which is imperalism, not capitalism! Please deny Comcasts merger request!

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Robert Nyman Lake Elsinore, CA

. As a Time-Warner subscriber I object to the merger of Comcast and Time-Warner. This is not in the best interest of me nor other consumers.

Carol Patton

Kensington, CA

. We are a Comcast customer and have had many complaints about their ability to handle the customers they have now.. If Comcast has difficulty now, how much more inefficient and ineffective will they be if they merge with Time Warner Cable? I can just imagine! What happened to downsizing corporations? With more competition companies or corporations are more likely to listen to their subscribers in order to keep them. The bigger these corporations get the more control they exert over the consumer and their influence in the US Congress and the less the consumer is considered. We need more choices not fewer. With Comcast and Time Warner, although they are not good ones, we do have two choices. If they merge we only have one. I say a definite NO to this merger.

Ronald Gates Placentia, CA . NO COMCAST!

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Louis Feldman Sacramento, CA

. I oppose the proposed Comcast - Time Warner Cable merger. California consumers need more choices and not fewer choices for cable and internet services. We need more competition and not less competition to hold down the cost of cable and internet services and to improve the quality of these services.

Julie Yearwood Boulder Creek, CA \$60+ for intermittent Internet service is rediculous. On top of that Comcast has the absolute worse CSRs I've ever dealt with. Plus their equipment is subpar at best. Eric Pickering Roseville, CA "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Customers need a choice--not a choice of ONE or nothing.

John Goldsmith Ukiah, CA "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Shaikh Hussain Irvine, CA "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Stuart Scott San Jose, CA "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Greg Sumner San Francisco, CA "No" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable Merger!

john carrasco Los Angeles, CA "NO" to the Comcast Time Warner Cable merger! Fred Richardson Elk Grove, CA "No" to internet and entertainment monopolies

guy nelson Los Angeles, CA we need freedom of choice, and fair pricing, hand off! Amos Hobby Turlock, CA This merger will benefit no one, including me, if allowed to happen. It probably will harm many. Diane Seaman Santa Monica, CA This is what real fredom and equality is about! Sincerely, Diane Seaman 958 18th St Santa Monica, CA 90403

Anne Harrigan Taylorsville, CA The Time Warner Cable merger is definitely not in the public interest in California. Do not let this happen.

chris freeman San Diego, CA End all cable monopolies now! 50 plus years of monopoly rights is enough. Break up these companies and watch innovation flourish. Dawn Doster Carmichael, GA All citizens should have the right to have choices for products and services. History has proven monopolies do not work for the benefit of the people.

Barbara Berman Oakland, CA NO!! NO!! NO!! Dorri Raskin Northridge, CA I urge you to vote NO to Comcast and Warner merger!