

Stop Verizon Wireless' Secret Spectrum Deal

To: Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Verizon Wireless' and the cable companies' secret spectrum deal, as it currently stands.

The deal, struck behind the closed doors of America's corporate boardrooms, poses a threat to both consumers and workers. If it goes through unchanged, it will be the death knell for competition between cable and telecom companies. Verizon Wireless, Time Warner, Comcast, and other cable companies will become a single giant, unregulated quasi-monopoly. Verizon will have little incentive to challenge cable by building FiOS into new areas. The likely result? Less competition and higher prices for consumers.

It will also mean job loss for American workers. With soaring unemployment rates, our nation cannot afford to create another corporate behemoth that will use exclusive quad-play market power to shrink its future workforce. But this deal would do just that -- there will be fewer jobs building, installing, maintaining, and servicing the Verizon network.

Finally, I urge you to require additional information from Verizon Wireless, Comcast, Time Warner and the other cable companies before making a formal ruling. As huge corporations continue to run roughshod over the public's interests, American consumers and workers have a right to know that the full details of the deal are known and carefully considered.

This deal is good for Verizon Wireless, Comcast, Time Warner, and the other cable companies. But it's bad for consumers and bad for workers.

Thank you.

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