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Testimony Opposing Comcast-Time Warner Merger

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As a result of a new law enacted this year, New York State has the power to subject proposed telecommunications mergers to rigorous review and require that the parties demonstrate the transaction is in the public interest. On July 31, I was joined by Assembly Member Richard Gottfried in submitting testimony to the New York State Public Service Commission opposing the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We argued that by combining the nation's two largest cable operators, it would create a highly monopolized environment for cable and internet services and would therefore be antithetical to the public interest. Please see our testimony below.