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sirs i would like to take a moment of your time to express my concernes over this merger.
i am an internet user who does not use AOL. i have an independent internet provider.
i have friends who use aol and are constantly asking me to search the net and various other activities for them as they cannot find or access data sources as aol only makes their preferred systems available.
i know this is minor but there are many aspects of AOL which i cannot access and many their users can assess if they have the knowlege of how to escape Aol's system to get to them.
i am concerned over the effects of the merger and what AOL will next restrict, impose of coerce of not only its own users but further restricting the freedom of other users or companies that make software freely available to "all" users.
i am not saying the merger should not be approved but please take time to assure that some controls are put in place to protect the users world wide who use the internet.
i thank you for your time and have confidence that you will act accordingly, i feel AOL could be the next MicroSoft as they have grown such a large hand to be held over so many peoples freedom to use.
thank you again
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