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**Subject:** AOL/Time-Warner merger

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**Date:** Sun, May 14, 2000 9:00 PM  
**Subject:** Time Warner - AOL Merger

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Please place extensive controls on this merger to protect the consumer. I am not swayed by the Time Warner corporate attempts to absolve themselves of the offense perpetrated by cutting off transmission of ABC. I am as concerned as ABC that Time Warner has too much power and have clearly abused it. I want you to ensure that this abuse of power never occurs again and that Time Warner - AOL will never have the power to exclude our access to all the information and programming available. Thank you for your kind consideration.

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**Subject:** AOL and Time Warner

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To the Attention of Chairman Kennard, Commissioner Ness, Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth, Commissioner Powell, and Commissioner Tristani:

My husband and I are very concerned with the merger of AOL and Time Warner. Our concern is that AOL will be able to control the present Time Warner internet service, Road Runner.

We were customers of AOL for over a year. The larger they grew, the poorer their service. In spite of many requests for change, it just did not happen. This was true all over the United States. We communicate through e-mail over the US and in other countries. I am Secretary of the Clan Graham Society (Scots and Scot descendents) and my husband is the Membership VP. Our Society supports its own web site.

When Time Warner made Road Runner available in our area, we joined it to GET AWAY FROM AOL. We have been more than happy with the change. AOL has tried in many ways with many offers to "get us back" as customers. We have been glad that we could say, "NO TO AOL."

We are asking the FCC to please SAY NO TO AOL'S CONTROL OF THE INTERNET.

Aye,  
Bob and Lou Graham Howard

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Date: Tue, May 2, 2000 4:53 PM  
Subject: Time-Warner

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I hope that you take a long hard look at the proposed merger between AOL and Time-Warner.

The recent action that Time-Warner took with Disney/ABC is unfair to consumers. Isn't

Time-Warner obligated to run the ABC broadcast to my home? Did I not pay them for that service? Where does my rights come into play?

Time-Warner has some nerve balking at Disney's offer when they raise cable rates constantly.

What choices to I have other than satellite?

Time-Warner is already a monopoly before an AOL merger.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Paratore

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**Date:** Sat, May 27, 2000 1:20 PM  
**Subject:** Comments about AOL / Time-Warner Merger

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Hi,

I would like to go on record as being against the proposed merger between AOL and Time-Warner. The newspapers recently reported how Time-Warner had used its monopolistic clout, which derives from its ownership of the cable system in Manhattan, to effectively throw ABC off the air for a time. This is clearly unacceptable behavior. If the proposed merger between AOL and Time-Warner goes through, these two current monopolies will combine to form a stronger single monopoly. I believe this would not be in the best interest of American consumers.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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