

Concentrating media powers into a smaller and smaller number of hands guarantees that the fewest possible voices and viewpoints will reach the public. It allows corporations and even individuals to exercise an unacceptable amount of control over the lifeblood of our democracy--a free press. This is acceptable in a totalitarian society, but completely inappropriate in a democracy.

Please DO NOT weaken or repeal the cross-ownership ban, unless you believe that a free press is superfluous to our democracy--in which case you should resign your positions.