

I am writing this letter because I am extremely concerned about the potential effects of repealing rules that prohibit one company from owning both newspaper and t.v. stations in a single geographical area. I am writing this letter because I worry that if I don't make my opinions known, I will have no recourse, moral or otherwise, when you strip away more of the protections that you have already so steadily succeeded in doing away with. According to your "About the FCC" web page, "None of [the FCC commissioners] can have a financial interest in any Commission-related business." I ask, then, how the Commission could even be considering repealing the ban in question. If none of 'you' has any financial interest in allowing large corporations to rule media distribution in a single area, then why would \*any\* of 'you' be interested in a move that would allow such a thing? Let's not kid ourselves: repealing this ban will do nothing to improve the quality of reporting or!

to in any way aid the citizens of the localities where this ban has an effect. To my understanding, and believe me, I welcome any argument to the contrary, the ONLY thing repealing this ban will do is allow VERY LARGE corporations, like Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., to gain a larger market share in particular areas. While the incorporation of a company may imbue that organization with certain rights, I strongly believe that the rights of the people as individuals is greater -- that the FCC has an obligation to enforce anti-monopoly statutes such that the people will not have their access to information choked off because News Corp. wants to start up another subsidiary. In truth, I fear that this decision has already been made -- it is no secret that those with money control the legislative process in this country, and I wonder whether or not this process of receiving comments is even taken seriously by the FCC. I call on you, in the mouse-sized voice of 'yet another' citi! zen, to take your jobs as servants of the people seriously in these times of extreme crisis. If we allow this expansion of monopolistic practices, we will be slipping further down a very, very steep hill towards a very, very dark place. We need more voices in the media now, not fewer. I strongly suggest all of you go read George Orwell's '1984' just one more time, and then reconsider the actions you are, no doubt, about to take. Thank you for considering my opinions. I look forward to a response.