

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

We are especially disturbed because, as seniors on a fixed income, increased cable costs are outrageous.

The most important consideration, however, is the increased media concentration in this country, and this means control over information available in, and essential to the proper workings of, a free democracy.