

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.

Chairman Powell has said that these rules are no longer needed because we have a variety of programming available to us today. I believe this diversity is a RESULT of the cable ownership cap and broadcast/newspaper cross-ownership act, and I believe that reducing their power will also open opportunities to reduce the amount of diversity.

I do not want these rules eliminated. They protect my ability to see varied opinions and learn differing views on the world. If these rules are being reevaluated, they should be strengthened, not weakened.