

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.

I truly believe that the more variety you can encourage to exist in the media the more citizens will benefit.

I, like many Americans, seek substance when I browse the media. Yet always I seem to be fed a McDonalds style meal: easily packaged, fast, easy, handed to you by some clown in two minutes or less, forget about what's in it till your stomach aches an hour later. Constant soundbites from John Walker and "Alien" Gonzalez, or maybe 24 hour coverage of OJ. Get a happy meal and collect one of Clinton's women! How insulting while so many other injustices and world changing events go unreported.

Never before has media been more based on entertainment, so mired in one sided "official reports" and so far from its responsibilities to the public. Never before has media been more in need of variety and competition, in such need of independent views.

By limiting diversity in the media you can only encourage these "mainstream" giants to further worsen the intelligence of our people and narrow our vision until we are all the more blind and they grow all the more rich.

Please do not weaken the cable ownership cap. This is a matter far greater than money, far more reaching than our televisions and once again, you, in the name of us, can do something about it.