

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.

First the Telecommunications Act of 96, now this!? Come on folks, haven't we learned anything from our past? AOLTimeWarner, Clear Channel and MSNBC already own nearly every media outlet in America, yet apparently this is not satisfactory for some. It is absolute folly to think that this poorly disguised monopolistic practice will not continue to have a negative and permanent affect on the media the American people depend on to stay informed of issues both here and abroad. It is becoming increasingly difficult for Americans to discover the facts without special interests and commercialism tainting the truth, telling the public only the stories THEY feel will put their company in a positive light while practicing blatant synergy to promote themselves as a network in even the most sacred of tv and radio shows. Mr. Powell, sir, please keep the media conglomerates from fattening their already distended bellies and give the american people a chance to form and perpetuate media !

FOR the people, OF the people, and BY the people.

Sincerely,

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