

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.

Let's finally admit the truth about the cable industry: it's a government monopoly, just like AT&T was in the old days and like the airlines and electricity industries before they were deregulated. Since the government created this monopoly, it must regulate it in the interest of the people who pay the taxes, and that means creating a cable system that is as diverse as we are. The consumer, not the monopoly cable owner, should decide what comes over the cable, and, believe me, people are sick and tired of the relentless junk and corporate positioning that the industry shovels at us every hour of every day. I am particularly concerned that I will not be able to access the high quality internet services that are currently available because one of the two corporations in charge of controlling what I see and do does not approve of my choice. As a person who pays your salary, I demand greater accountability.