

I am writing in regard to the FCC's proposed rules regarding media ownership. As a magazine journalist and book author, I am concerned that the new rules will erode diversity in the media and will leave authors such as myself at the mercy of huge media conglomerates.

I would ask that you retain current rules regarding media ownership. Under the present system, independent media outlets have a chance to have their voices heard. I fear that under the new rules, dissenting voices will be stifled and our culture will be further eroded. Already, media conglomerates such as AOL-Time Warner are imposing rules distinctly unfavorably to writers and other creators of original material. If the rules that regulate media ownership are lifted, our country could be left with all media -- television, Internet, radio, magazine and newspapers -- in the hands of a few gigantic companies bent on squeezing the maximum amount of profit out of their businesses, with no regard to impartial reporting of the news or dissemination of information.

Sincerely,

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