

Michael K. Powell, Chairman, FCC  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

Throughout my adult life I have applauded the prestige and success of the Republican party. However, in recent years it appears that some of the most distinguishing characteristics of the party are being lost. Nevertheless, the genius of the party still rests in its stance on anti-big government, state rights, and equal rights for every American, balanced with individual and corporate responsibilities.

Many in our present society are promoting the notion that bigger is better. This causes me great concern. Our history shows us the fallacy of the bigness syndrome. Consider the huge bankruptcies that followed all the big buyouts in the last two or three decades. In fact, I believe we should pass laws to encourage growth from within a company rather than growth from outside takeovers. Such inner growth would seem to be more honorable, and perhaps would stimulate jobs and promote a healthier economy. I have always thought that small business was the backbone of our economy, and still believe that to be so today.

In light of the above, I would be most pleased if you would revisit a 1996 Congressional decision which allowed a single corporation to own up to eight radio stations in a particular market. That decision has hurt many small businesses throughout the United States. I also believe this decision allowed the radio industry to become a monopoly. It seems to be morally wrong to prevent so many from participating in what is such a limited commodity. Chairman Powell, it only takes one person to make a huge difference. I hope you will be that person. May I remind you of a recent movie, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding", which the Hollywood kingpins ignored. One person's insight led her to pursue a loan \$5 million to produce this movie which has grossed over \$100 million in a very short time.

I hope your response to this letter will help me to refute the argument from my large family and from others that the Republican party is only for big business and the rich. I would like to demonstrate that the Republican party is equally concerned for all Americans.

Thank you for your time and interest.

My Best Regards,  
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