

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.

Over the past few decades we have witnessed the death of competition in city newspapers, the loss of diversity in music and opinion on the radio, and a network and cable television system so addicted to synergy that many "original" programs are little more than extended infomercials.

The airwaves should be a resources serving the community and the nation, not a dumpster into which corporations toss their meager offerings. Too much power is concentrated in a few corporations, and as a result the quality of programming suffers.

I support an immediate moratorium on all media mergers and a return to the Fairness Doctrine.