

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of

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2002 Biennial Regulatory)	
Review—Review of the)	MB Docket No. 02-277
Commission’s Broadcast)	
Ownership Rules and Other Rules)	
Adopted Pursuant to Section 202)	
of the Telecommunications Act)	
of 1996)	
)	
Cross-Ownership of Broadcast)	MM Docket No. 01-235
Stations and Newspapers)	
)	
Rules and Policies Concerning)	MM Docket No. 01-317
Multiple Ownership of Radio)	
Broadcast Stations in Local)	
Markets)	
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Definition of Radio Markets)	MM Docket No. 00-244

**OPPOSITION OF THE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
TO FURTHER REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

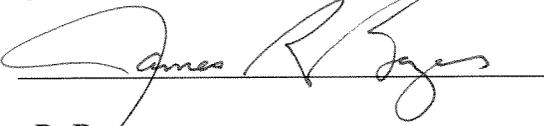
The Newspaper Association of America (“NAA”), by its attorneys, hereby opposes in part the “Motion for Further Extension of Time” filed by the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (“MMTC”) and the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (“NABOB”) on or about December 5, 2002 in the above-referenced proceeding. MMTC and NABOB request, *inter alia*, that the FCC extend the initial comment period by an additional two weeks (until January 16, 2002) and the reply comment period by six weeks (until March 17, 2002). For the reasons set forth in NAA’s oppositions to prior requests for extension of time in the same proceeding, including the October 10, 2002 request by the same parties, NAA submits that the further extension of the comment and reply periods requested by MMTC

and NABOB should be denied by the Commission.

Review of the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule is long overdue, and the record before the agency with respect to that rule is already very extensive. Moreover, the deadlines for comments and replies in this proceeding already have been extended a month beyond the original dates by the Commission.¹ Accordingly, NAA submits, the Commission should adhere to the current comment and reply schedule and move forward expeditiously to complete its review of the newspaper/broadcast ban.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Review—Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Order*, in MB Docket No. 02-277 (rel. Nov. 5, 2002).

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