

Please accept this citizen/taxpayer's input that the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules not be relaxed. In fact, I would like to see them made more stringent. The increasing consolidation in the broadcast media industry does not serve the interests of a vibrant democracy. Fewer and fewer voices are heard. In a purely economic sense, fewer and fewer people can compete for ownership given the economic strength of the entities owning the various stations.

As a footnote, I urge you as well to consider that we the public own the airwaves, and that the media corporations are getting their licenses (worth billions) both rent-free and in a monopolistic manner. We should demand free airtime for political candidates as the very least payback for these valuable licenses. Again, please do not further relax the ownership limitation rules. This only results in less diversity and more monopoly.