

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.

Living in a large and diverse city, as I do, I find it appalling that the wonderful mix of cultures and viewpoints present in my neighborhood is in no way represented by our local radio and television stations. The radio stations I can access, with the exception of the University of Minnesota's station, play the same commercialized pulp in practically the same order. One day last fall, I flipped from station to station and found the same song on 4 of the 6 stations I listened to- at the same time!!

Please don't relax the regulations allowing local stations to compete with chain stations. I value the local flavor I find in just a few stations. Please don't go through with these changes, please maintain the regulations.