

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.

It has been my experience of 40 years of tv and radio that there has been a shift in the objectivity of news and programming to that which promotes the goals of the large and powerful owners of the large media outlets. E.g., small and diverse channels of information are pushed out to channel #9400 while the big guys have multiple channels in the more easily accessible range of channel numbers. There can be no positive value of putting even more pressure on small but vital outlets of information by changing the already weakened FCC rules. There has to be someplace that the less monied sources can tell another side of the truth even if painful to the powers that are in control. I will be contacting my government representatives to advise them to resist these rule changes. Lauri Hakola