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**Stephanie Kost - Comments on the review of current FCC broadcast regulations**

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Dear Mr. Chairman and current FCC board members,

the current rules and regulations that are governing the broadcasting industry and related media industries should remain in place with the remanding of broadcasting/cable TV property ownership being ignored and instead appealed to the US Supreme Court. I also believe that the Newspaper and broadcast station ownership ban and that the over-the-air broadcast TV networks ban, that limits the number of a TV/radio network a company can own to just one, should remain in place as well and the reason for these opinions is because such regulations are necessary to preserve and promote the diversity of voices and opinions that are important and vital to the health of any democracy and I know that such a belief is a bipartisan one shared by both Democrats and Republicans. However, I do believe that such regulations should be amended by limiting the number of radio stations that a radio broadcasting company should own to about 150 stations nationwide and only up to three radio stations per market in metropolitan areas larger than 1 million people and only one radio station in cities smaller than 100000 and rural areas unless the owner happens to be one of the former and original Big Three Television networks. I also believe that the one-to-a-market rule should be reinstated and strengthened, with the FCC rule that allows only one TV station to be owned in a market to be reinstated, but that the ownership of both TV and radio stations in the same market should be still allowed nonetheless. The TV networks should also be allowed to own all the TV broadcasting stations, for as long as the FCC mandates a rule that the TV and radio broadcasting companies(excluding networks, unless they already own their own TV stations) will be required to pay an annual broadcasting license fee of 2 to 5% of revenue for their own broadcasting licenses as a means to exclusively fund Public Broadcasting by turning the Corporation of Public Broadcasting into an independently funded Public Broadcasting Trust. As for seeking a new FCC board member, I strongly suggest

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that the current union leadership of the  
Communications Workers of America or Norman Solomon be  
solicited for that job.

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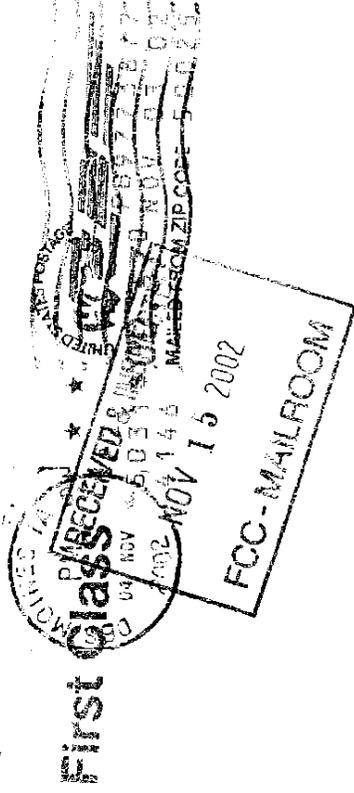
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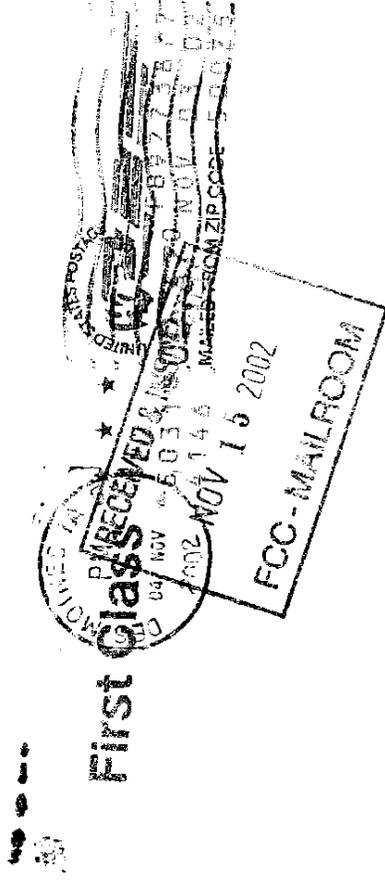
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