

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.

The last ten years has seen increasing consolidation in the print, radio and television media. I do not feel that this consolidation has been good for democracy or for journalism. Regardless of how many television stations are available today, there are increasingly fewer and fewer political points of view expressed in the media in general. Loosening the rules regarding media ownership would exacerbate this trend and would not serve the public interest.