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Dear Mr. Copps,

Long ago I began writing letters to merging small news papers, declaring the importance of independent thinking among Ben Franklin's method of educating the public.

At that time I thought there were federal laws in place, prohibiting ownership of multimedia sources in a specific area.

Since then I've experienced the "same take" on the "same stories" on national TV which strengthens my belief that "freedom of the press" has been deep-sixed by whomever has been trusted to value it.

Now I read that further "deregulation" is proposed.

I write in support of separate TV and news-paper entities (no interlocking boards) trying to inform the public of truth. In short, tighten whatever regulations protect the public from media monopoly.

DO NOT FURTHER DEREGULATE !!

Please write me your "take" on the value of disseminating truth in pursuit of freedom.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
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