

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

As a major-party-voting, middle-class mother of two young boys, I must insist that the FCC fulfill its role as regulator of consolidating forces in broadcast industries, restricting trends such as vertical integration and local monopolies that result in fewer discrete sources of information.

My family and I have already been victims of reduced choice in radio since ownership restrictions on that medium were removed several years ago; and I fear for the quality of informed democratic discourse should similar laxity prevail in the oversight of print and television media.

Sincerely,

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