

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 you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277. The original purpose of the FCC was to regulate the broadcast spectrum for the good of the populace of the country and to serve the public interest. This means all the public, not just the interests of corporations.

Plans to change the regulations and allow the buyoff of our airwaves by large corporate interests is destructive to the public interest and a direct attack on democracy. As more large corporations swallow up smaller media outlets and large ones merge, our access to a broad spectrum of views and information is diminished.

Already I am appalled at the simple minded narrow views on national and world events that have become the common stock of what passes for news in this country. We need a well informed public exposed to a diversity of ideas in order to make enlightened decisions on issues that affect the future of our nation. Bending the purpose of the FCC to those with a financial interest and abandoning the civic and social responsibilities to the citizens is a violation of the trust that was originally given to the agency.

We citizens of the United States, the people you work for, deserve to have a voice in this matter.

Ruth Harris