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The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing in response to concerns expressed to me by a number of constituents regarding the FCC's notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on media ownership rules.

As I understand it, the FCC is required to conduct a biennial review of its six media ownership and to make any appropriate changes in response to the changing media marketplace. In this regard, the NPRM invites the public to review and comment on a substantial amount of information related to the current rules and to contribute additional information that may need to be considered during the rulemaking process.

Although the FCC extended the initial 60 day comment period by an additional 30 days, I am concerned that much of the public is not yet aware of the NPRM and that even 90 days is an insufficient period for the kind of comprehensive reevaluation of media rules that is underway. Consequently, I urge you to consider reopening the comment period for the NPRM to allow a fuller expression of public opinion on it.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

DAVID PRICE  
Member of Congress

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