

From: William Ratel
To: William Ratel
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 3:38 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:
Representative Gilchrest
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William Ratel
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January 27, 2003

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[recipient name was inserted here],

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

Millions of Americans like me could have their phone service threatened if the local phone companies aren't required to allow competitors access to the market. I'm also concerned about the Commission's move to relieve all broadband Internet access facilities of open access obligations.

Both of these key decisions will limit my choices as a consumer by lessening competition, diminishing cost savings and threatening consumer protections. As a constituent, I urge you to support competition and open access for local phone service.

Sincerely,

William H. Ratel Jr.

From: Adam Hand
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon. Jan 27, 2003 8:51 PM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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From: awbolles@earthlink.net
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2003 10:50 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

I oppose any further relaxation of limits on multiple ownership of media outlets. Allowing single companies to control more media outlets does not promote competition, diversity or localism in today's media market.

Freedom of Speech should not be a luxury, but a basic human right.

Please take the opinions of the citizens of our country seriously.
Amanda Bolles

From: Barnaby Rockwell
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:12 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Barnaby **W.** Rockwell

From: bodom@cwib.ca.gov
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 1:01 PM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

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Sincerely,

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cc:
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From: Courtney Childs
To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Sincerely,

Dawson Tunnell
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Denton, **Tex.** 76207-2204

From: Deborah Dean
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jan 26, 2003 6:05 AM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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Sincerely,

Deborah Dean
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San Francisco, CA 94114

From: Donadar@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon. Jan 27, 2003 10:47 AM
Subject: Corporate ownership of everything American

Mr Chairman,

Like your father, I served to defend the American Way of Life. It is troubling to me that America is being sold out to corporate interests. Please do not violate the public trust by making what was owned by all Americans the property of a few self interested individuals who care only about profit/power motives.

Thank you for your attention.

Donald L. Darling
LCDR, USN Retired
Navy 47-72

CC: sns@austin.rr.com

From: Erikdavis313@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 8:55 PM
Subject: Stop media consolidation, do not deregulate

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

If the FCC allows deregulation to occur, this would not only destroy Freedom of the Press, it would the citizens of America's ownership of the airways away! Media giants like Fox, NBC, ABC/Disney/Aol/Time-Warner, CBS to effectively own the airways of the United States, and to pound the view-points, right wing political views, crapy TV shows into our homes and minds. This is not healthy for America nor is it in line of the Constitution of the United States. This would mean that the US Media would not fit the Capitolic Ideal anymore because it would be the tightes and most exclusive oligopoly known!

Our media (Radio, TV, Magazines, Newspapers, and Internet Service Providers) are already a short list of conglomerates. Currently their are only three major radio conglomerates (Infinty, Bonnaville. and Clear Channel) who own the majority of these stations. They have very limited programming, and already kill the creativity of the American People. This makes money and fads more important than our ability to create. This would make **us** the most narrow-minded, short-sighted nation on earth, doomed to die if we deregulated further. Do not let **us** be in the History books on a parallel with the Roman Empire. We need media diversity, and limited ownership rights!!!!

Erik Davis

Sincerely,

Erik Davis
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cc:
Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Peter Fitzgerald
Representative Jan Schakowsky

From: FatTony1909@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 5:30 PM
Subject: Media Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as it's guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

John Sandroni

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From: Gail Wondra
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Jan 17, 2003 11:26 PM
Subject: Media Consolidation

I am concerned about any changes which allow consolidation of media ownership.

Pending changes in media ownership rules will affect journalism and the quality of information the public gets. Today, six major corporations control most of the once-independent TV stations, radio stations and newspapers in our country, This dramatically affects decisions about what stories and advertisements are published or broadcast, and that affects people's access to information, a cornerstone of our democracy. We need to prevent one company from owning a newspaper and TV station in a single community. Currently, in some cases media unions have been refused ad space or coverage of labor disputes by media companies that largely control their market.

More importantly, allowing media to be controlled by a smaller number of corporations, affects the type and quality of news we receive. We need to guard against this consolidation to ensure a democratic society. If we further relax rules on media ownership, the few remaining independent voices in America will be silenced. We need to ensure media diversity.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gail Wondra

From: grammarguru@msn.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jan 20, 2003 12:37 PM
Subject: Oppose More Media Concentration!

Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

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)

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of FCC broadcast media ownership rules, spearheaded by Colin Powell's son, Michael, appointed to his position by Bush. In promoting its supposed goals of fair competition, diversity, and local voice in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question, despite Michael Powell's attempted pandering to media corporations. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of the huge, dominant companies and players in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC, under Colin Powell's son, Michael, accurately demonstrate, or even attempt to demonstrate, the negative effects that media deregulation and consolidation have had on the diversity of our media to date. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented has been severely limited ever since the last spate of corporate-friendly rules were instituted during the last administration.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the fundamental philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have open, informed discussions from a wide variety of viewpoints will be severely compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact and to remember that the airwaves belong first and always to the people, not to corporations, as Colin Powell's son, Michael, seems to believe.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and to solicit the widest possible participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere surrounding FCC rule-making is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet

some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, like Colin Powell's son, Michael does, but to meet those who have social and democratic interests.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Frank Chisholm

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From: Heidi Carter
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 6:58 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

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Heidi Carter

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From: Jennifer Mezey
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:11 AM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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Jennifer Mezey
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San Francisco, CA 94114

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From: Jesse Gregg
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri. Jan 24.2003 11:51 AM
Subject: Maintaining the independent news media outlets

I oppose any further relaxation of limits on multiple ownership of media outlets. Allowing single companies to control more media outlets does not promote competition, diversity or localism in today's media market.

Your own studies show:

*There is little substitution between media forms as sources of news and information.

- TV and newspapers dominate news and information dissemination, with radio and the Internet playing a minor role.

- Previous decisions to relax ownership limits and public interest obligations, have already resulted in an alarmingly high level of concentration in ownership of media outlets.

*Cross ownership impacts news gathering, often reducing coverage and tailoring content to the lowest-common denominator.

Please support and maintain the current limits on media concentration and cross ownership

Respectfully,
Harris Gregg

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC
FCCINFO

From: Joan Linney
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon. Jan 27, 2003 2:40 PM
Subject: media diversity

Stop listening to corrupt corporations Fight media conglomeration
You can win!

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From: Jodi Uyl
To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Senator George Allen
Representative Edward Schrock