

From: Nathan Kellams
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/21/03 1:07AM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Sincerely yours,

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Date: 1/21/03 12:58PM
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Sincerely yours,

Janissa Hamilton

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From: JesseL Sif
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/21/03 10:14PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Sincerely yours,

JesseL Elwell

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Delhi, NY 13753

PS Thank you for the time it took to read this letter. I appreciate it

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From: Wes Jackson
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/22/03 1:55PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Sincerely yours,

Wesley Jackson
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From: heavymetal016@clipclop.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/22/03 5:18 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Michael K. Powell

Chairman
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am sending this letter via the e-mail to state my opposition to the changes your agency wishes to make to the USA's Media Ownership Rules.

As i am not the only one who feels this way, i am sure you have many other complaint letters to review (and i sincerely hope you will take them all into consideration) so i will keep this letter short.

As you know, the government has made restrictions on the ownership of news media because they know of the danger that is present when large media corporations are in the hands of small political groups. They can, and i believe in many instances will, end up selecting and displaying only the news that benefits them and those who parter with them, and disregarding the interest of the public. Therefore i hope you will consider my protest and those of all the other individuals out there who are lor a fair media and reporting.

Sincerely,
Ashlee Burkenson

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Rappahanock, Va 21175

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From: Stuart Henderson
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/22/03 10:54PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Mr. Powell

I am appalled that your commission is even considering changes in rules governing corporate ownership of TV and newspapers in the same market. The diversity of viewpoint most people in America have access to has already been curtailed to our detriment. Now you're considering doing more harm to our democracy. Please act responsibly at this important juncture in history.

Sincerely,
Stuart Henderson

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From: Mary & Hunter
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/23/03 7:47AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Mr.Powell,

There is a danger in success, particularly in the success of organizations, governments, and institutionalized groups of any kind. The danger is that we become what we were set up to combat. We have watched this, and as a government assisted in many examples of this overseas, **but** the same thing is happening here in the US. Bit by bit, and in this administration it seems giant leap by giant leap, we are becoming the fear-based, media controlled, religiously intolerant, police state we claim to have been created to dispel. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States were written for "We the People", not for They the Corporations. We were to govern by informed consent of People, not controlled information by corporations and paid lobbyists.

I urge you to take the high road in the question of deregulation. Follow the road of the founding lathers which encouraged dialogue between differing points of view rather than the low road - the bottom line golden rule (he who has the gold makes the rules). **THIS IS NOT A TIME TO DEREGULATE AND SO REDUCE EVEN FURTHER OUR ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES.**

Decisions made in fear and with insufficient information are doomed to collapse. The more we permit and encourage control of information the more unstable our democracy becomes.

Respectfully,

Mary Emeny
(Bushland, Tx.)

From: mary jude jun
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/23/03 8:15AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Mr. Powell

It has been obvious to me and many others *for* some time that we cannot trust what we read in the media because the large corporations that control it with their huge money powers make the news print only what they want us to think. that is really serious for the American democracy we claim is ours. I hope you can do something to keep on top of this and remedy the situation. We need to hear all sides of issues and be free to make our own decisions based on truth. That is almost impossible to do at present.

Thank you for reading this and acting on it.

Sincerely yours.

Sister mary Jude Jun, OSU
aka - Helen R. Jun

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To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/23/03 8:04PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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From: matt gallant
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/23/03 9:15PM
Subject: <No Subject>

I feel that this act is a total disgrace to FREEDOM OF PRESS!!

From: josh carter
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/23/03 6:18 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

dear Mr. Powell,

turning over control of the media to only a few big corporations wouldn't only be against democratic beliefs and principals it would be against the better judgment of the American people and how we like things to be run. in a none dictatorship without a fascist running it. In my opinion you should be ashamed of your self to even think about caring out this plan.

Sincerely,
Josh Carter, 1206 Lindbergh Ave. Pittsburgh PA 15223

From: Brandon Church
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/24/03 3:28AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Mr. Powell:

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

It is my opinion that the FCC has an obligation to the people of the US to give them a fair, balanced media. The proposed changes, I believe, are not serving the people of this country in a fair, honest fashion. Please don't allow our media to be further influenced and unbalanced by wealthy corporations with hidden agendas. The entire point of an honest newspaper is to deliver facts, not just opinions, whether those facts are pleasant or not. It is my opinion, and that of a great many other people in this country, that the proposed changes would not best serve the people of the United States. So, I ask you one last time, please, at least, revise and reshape the proposed changes, in order to make the federal regulations more honest and open, for everyone in this country. Thank you for your time.

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From: al Kenney
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/24/03 10:00PM
Subject: <No Subject>

i am a white american
i weigh 155 pounds
i do not take "advantage" of my priveledges to be an aMerican, i'd much rather live in a country that is not up everyone elses ass and is not full of its self
im going to make this short as possible so i do not waste any of your time

It has come to my attention that you have been considering not at all letting me hear what i want to hear, that you are going to take away my right to what i want to hear as news
Not only do i feel my only right i use as an american citizen is being destroyed i also feel as if the one voice the american citizens has will forever be destroyed and for what anyway.
So sir i ask of you to reconsider im sorry it have offened you in anyway but it is my opinion, so please let me hear what i want to hear.

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From: Dustin Martinez
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/25/03 10:46PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Sincerely yours,

Dustin Martinez

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Sincerely John Hurlburt

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From: Bowers LCpl Joshua J
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/27/03 3:05PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Do not allow our media to be monopolized and controlled by one or two single entities. I want fair, and unbiased distribution of news. Thank you.

From: rnsteinho
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/27/03 2:26PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Mr. Powell

I just read an article about a plan to weaken the laws that prevent the same people or institutions from owning multiple media outlets. I must say that this frightens me very much. Take a company that has a monopoly on a certain product for instance. That company is then able to produce a lower quality product, and in the absence of competitors people will still buy it. Would not a company with a monopoly on news, information about products, and a myriad of other things be able to do the same thing? This is the information age, where knowledge certainly is power. To allow a few individuals to control what information the general public is exposed to, would be to this country's extreme disadvantage. As a budding scientist I know that diversity of ideas is paramount to progress. It fuels thought, and spurrs innovation. If you sow a monoculture of ideas, the resulting crop will be all the same, unable to adapt to changing conditons. Thank you for your time, and I plead with you to consider the implications of this action.

Sincerely,
Mike Steinhoff
World Citizen

From: pcshei
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/27/03 10:11PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Dear Mr. Powell:

I am appalled by the proposed changes of your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules. I was always taught that it was and AMERICAN'S right to free speech, freedom of press, and free enterprise. Enabling this act will not only distort the AMERICAN tradition of FREEDOM, it will leave the public with a blind eye. Please stop this nonsense and realize that we as americans have a right to all sides of stories, not just the corporate stock-holders, but after all I'm just another one of those 17 year old punk kids right?

Sincerely,

Tyler C. Searce

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From: punk-drummer@excite.com
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Lennon Luks

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From: Paul T. Jackson
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Date: 1/22/03 1:39PM
Subject: Comment

Below Powell indicates media outlets have increased..but doesn't say anything about who owns those outlets, which as far as I can tell are the same few companies that give me the same slanted news and syndicated stories from other newspapers owned by the same group.

SHOULD LIMITS ON BROADCAST OWNERSHIP CHANGE?

[Commentary] In this editorial, FCC Chairman Michael Powell argues for the deregulation of media ownership, claiming that the antiquated rules no longer reflect the robust state of competition in TV, cable and radio along with the Internet. He cites data indicating that the number of media outlets has increased more than 250% over the last 40 years, even in small towns, and that news programming is far more available than ever. Powell also discusses the FCC's attempts to justify the existing rules in federal court, where the Commission has faced defeat on five different rules. He concludes by requesting hard factual evidence to "enable [the FCC] to craft broadcast-ownership restrictions that ensure a diverse and vibrant media marketplace for the 21st century."

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