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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell

I am writing to you to express my disappointment with Clear Channel Communication and Curtis Media Assoc Consolidation in the radio industry has decreased competition. The radio stations in the Raleigh, NC area are so bland now There is not one radio station that plays rock, jazz, folk, R&B and country music None feature local artists. I cannot find a jazz station and I should not have to find a station that plays only jazz to hear jazz music In the 60's, 70's and early 80's various types of music was played on radio stations

There were local DJ's that put their own signature onto their programs You can not find localism or diversity on radios now When I travel to other states and turn on their radio stations, I hear the same format that I hear on 96.6, 100.7, 102.9 and 106.5FM I never hear songs by Duke Ellington, Joan Baez, Edgar Winter, Bob Carlin, Johnny Cockran, Woody Guthrie, Joe Cocker, Emmylou Harris, The Rascals, The Dave Clark Five, Miles Davis, Johnny Winter, Ricky Skaggs, Louis Armstrong, Jethro Tull, War, Bread, Arlo Guthrie, Connie Francis, Benny Goodman, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Dizzy Gillespie, John Hardford, Charlie Pride, Frank Sinatra, Charlie Parker, Al Martino, Buddy Guy, Barry White and B.B King to name just a few! There has been a continuous erosion in diversity and localism in radio since the mid-90's

Media concentration does not promote the free market, just ask Robert Short (Short Broadcasting President). The FCC will be hard pressed to find a highly regarded business textbook that states media concentration promotes the free market and you certainly cannot find 5 peer reviewed research studies that would support this loony idea

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator John McCain

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