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To: Mike Powell  
Date: 2/27/03 8:48PM  
Subject: "hearing"

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From: poppy8sd  
To: Senator Feinstein  
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2003 8:11 AM  
Subject: FCC "hearing"

TO: Senator Dianne Feinstein  
US Senate  
Washington DC

FROM: --hard copy Reply not necessary  
poppy8sd@dslextreme.com

Re: FCC "Hearing" --Feb 26, 2003

Wiping out the radio-TV-newspaper firewall --ALLOWING  
single-ownership of MULTI media in a market is HIDEOUS

What right-wing "republicans," grotesquely greedy media owner creeps  
and Colin Powell's lackey son propose to do with OUR airwaves  
is WRONG; Immoral; UNacceptable.

HE is NOT using FCC to guard Americans' rights, but as  
Cash Cow for his boss and his boss's check-writing buddies  
I want them stopped. --Thinking Americans who want  
to be INFORMED want it stopped.

This is Critical:

I urge you to take Whatever action possible to stop them.

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--If you are too swamped to take action or think this ISN'T  
critical:

If the Greed-squad are allowed to own whatever type/quantity  
media they want: How much coverage will YOUR next campaign  
get --without ANY laws --if they are FREE to decide:

they ' "can't" send anyone' to report it

--'cause they don't want to cover Democrats...  
--'cause they don't like what you have to say...  
--'cause they ONLY want SOME news to "leak" out.

--If ALL Americans KNEW what those people are trying secretly to pull at FCC "hearing" King George would see a LOT more than those Multi-millions protesting his March into Baghdad --all screaming at him.

HOW are broadcast stations ALLOWED to shove MUCH MORE commercials into programs since January 2003 --Powell's son?

WHY are the greed-goons FREE to shove crap at CHILDREN? Such disgusting perversion doesn't happen anywhere but here, Why

WHY WHY WHY are broadcast stations now ALLOWED to run commercials that last THIRTY minutes INSTEAD of PROGRAMS, since Bush ascended --Powell's son?

When will these people be stopped--After Prime-time programs are TEN minutes long, commercials take up TWENTY minutes?

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IF the GREED BOYS are allowed to own ALL the media in a single market and Bush decides to have another war-- would Americans know it?

STOP FCC From ANY further Perversion or Pollution of the PUBLIC'S airwaves --NOW.

CC: George Bush  
CC: Head of FCC --for now  
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**From:** Tom Ferry  
**To:** FCC FCCINFO  
**Date:** 2/27/03 5:09PM  
**Subject:** Congratulations! Chairman Powell

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Chairman Powell,

I know you will never see this e-mail, but I wanted to try to congratulate you on your efforts (and I am sure eventual success) in removing restrictions that prevent large corporations from owning TV, radio and newspaper outlets in the same markets. Obviously, this effort will make it much easier for large corporations, such as FOX, to prevent anyone who dares to question the omniscience of the current Administration from having an outlet through which they can spew this unpatriotic and ridicules dribble.

So, congratulations, your unwavering commitment to the herd-mentality. and pandering to the right-wing, will make America safe from dissent and debate. It is selfless, committed public-servants like you who have made America what it is today. If only the founding fathers could see their successors in action.

Keep up the good work!

-Tom in Pittsburgh

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**From:** JHRook  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 18, 2003 1:03 AM  
**Subject:** Radio's Deregulation - Enough is Enough

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**From:** Blaine Hulse  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 14, 2003 7:21 PM  
**Subject:** Deregulation of the media

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Dear Commissioner;

I am seriously concerned about the movement to deregulate the corporate media giants. I am not well versed on the issue because frankly, there has been little debate or reporting on the subject on the mass media, for precisely the reason that they don't want it aired. I am an American first, and a liberal fiscal conservative second and third, believeing in the preservation of our rights to free speech, freedom of assembly and redress. To preserve our fundimental freedoms, a diverse, decentralized press that is based on competition and objectivity is essential. Deregulation would allow consolidation and exclusion of minority viewpoints not held by the conglomerates, perhaps international interests inimical to our survival.

Given the steady erosion of our civil liberties in the name of "national security" resulting from our shared terrorist tragedy, this seems to be another step towards the legal enslavement of the world population by the wealthy and powerful. If we have no objective and unfettered information dissemination. we cannot prevent legislation further restricting our rights to life, liberty and the individual pursuit of happiness. Already our right to privacy is being gnawed to death by fears of hidden terrorists cells, criminals and immoral drug lords. It seems to escape the majority's understanding that there is fundamentally no real "security", life is full of danger and **risk**. Our only real defence is knowlege and courage.

Please register my resistance to this movement towards deregulation

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Andrea Zaferes  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri. Mar 14, 2003 4:55 PM  
**Subject:** airwave monopolies

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Dear Chairman Powell,

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Thank you for this opportunity to respond

Sincerely,

Andrea Zaferes  
POB 211 Hurley NY 12443

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**From:** Andrea Zaferes  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 14, 2003 4:53 PM  
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**From:** skmason@aol.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 14, 2003 1:10 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, ~~the~~ FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Susan Mason  
53 Glendale Street  
Easthampton. Massachusetts 01027-2004

cc:  
Senator Edward Kennedy  
Senator John Kerry  
Representative John Olver

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**From:** juliechanter@netscape.net  
**To:** Commissioner Adels'tein  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 13, 2003 11:42 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely

Julie Chanter  
1164 Montgomery Street  
SAN FRANCISCO, California 94133

cc:  
Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Representative Nancy Pelosi

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**From:** Christine Evans  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 26, 2003 5:46 AM  
**Subject:** Keep media free and competitive

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Sincerely

Christine B. Evans  
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**From:** Josdee@aol.com  
**To:** president@whitehouse.gov  
**Date:** Mon, Mar 3, 2003 12:24 PM  
**Subject:** FCC's new rules for radio station ownership?

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I have been a loyal supporter and a conservative Republican, but I am concerned about some of the policies of your government. The latest attempts to change radio station ownership rules by the FCC is a good example. I absolutely do not want indecency allowed over the airways. Nor **do** I want a few companies to monopolize radio station ownership. Mass ownership reduces the station format to mass appeal programming, and reduces the local programming that would occur on a locally owned station. That will simply encourage me to start listening to satellite radio stations and avoid the "junk talk" format of so many stations.

Please keep the station ownership rules as they are! It is obvious that M. Powell is supported by powerful financial interests that do not care about the local radio listener.

Thank you, Kathryn Storms 704-522-0660 (Charlotte, NC)

**CC:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

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**From:** Brent Basham  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 12, 2003 1:18 PM  
**Subject:** Opposition to new rules

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I am strongly opposed to the rule allowing ownership on multiple media outlets in the same region for fear that American opinion will be manipulated by a republican dominated agenda. Already in remote regions of our country public opinion is so swayed that a voice of decent can not even find it's way onto the airwaves. You say that the internet has changed everything and perhaps it has for you and me but many American's do not have the internet and are thus at the mercy of their local media. We should not create any further imbalance in American society.

PhillipBasham of Sunnyvale, CA

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**To:** Michael Copps  
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**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 14, 2003 4:51 PM  
**Subject:** airwave monopolies

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**From:** Danielle Lescure  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, Mar 15, 2003 3:01 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

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Danielle Lescure (DDL8@yahoo.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein.

I was recently reading an article from the Washington Post regarding the current decision before the FCC on lifting all remaining restrictions on media ownership.

As a concerned citizen and music lover, I must let you know how discouraged I have become at the state of radio today due to the massive ownership of many stations by just a few corporations. Programming has gone so far downhill that only a few select artists are played and contrary to what Clear Channel President Michael May says there is very little diversity. In fact, it is quite safe to say most of the stations owned by Clear Channel play the same music. Please don't even get me started on much of the inane and immature banter of many of the disc jockeys.

I can also guarantee you that I am not the only concerned listener. I couldn't even begin to tell you the number of conversations I've had with friends and co-workers all of whom share the same frustration. The problem is none of us know what to do or feel we'll be heard. When it comes to us vs. companies such as Clear Channel, it is truly a David and Goliath situation. Sadly, we David's seem to be lacking the magic stone to knock the giant down.

We rely on people such as you to help maintain healthy media competition. Lifting all restrictions, I fear, will allow only more stations to be swallowed up and we listeners lose out on local content, variety and quality.

I would be very interested in hearing your thoughts. Please tell me what we can do to revitalize an industry that is becoming as bland and lifeless as much of the music now being played on the radio

Thank you very much for your time.

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From: Rob Meyer  
To: Commissioner Adelstein  
Date: Sat, Mar 15, 2003 5:47 PM  
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

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Rob Meyer (classletter78@yahoo.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I attended the Field Hearing held at the University of Washington on Friday, March 7, 2003. and since I did not speak during the public comment section of the hearing, I wanted to share my input on the issues.

First of all, thank you to you and Commissioner Copps, whom I am also writing (along with your other fellow Commission members and my congressional delegation), for holding this proceeding -- despite the derision and opposition of Chairman Powell and the Bush Administration.

It is my firm belief that if the 72% of the public who are unfamiliar with the Commission's plans regarding broadcast deregulation become informed, the majority of them will join me in opposing further loosening of requirements.

As a broadcast news veteran of some twenty years (radio), I have opposed loosening the requirements on media ownership that began back in the Reagan Administration. I was a distinct minority in most of the news rooms where I was employed. But I believe the Public Trust requires close regulation on all media owners, and the "free market" is NOT conducive to greater competition among media properties. much less greater diversity. The past few years, since passage of the 1996 telecommunications act is proof of this.

I associate myself 100% with the comments of Congressman Inslee at the Seattle hearing, as well as Dr. Gillis of WSU and Dean Sivitsky of the Univ. of Oregon. Despite individual protests to the contrary. the mega-corporate owners of over 80% of Seattle area stations do NOT promote diverse viewpoints and programming and do NOT embody localism, as the public should demand.

I implore you to do all you can to work with Commissioner Copps and convince your fellow commissioners NOT to approve further deregulation of broadcast and other media ownership, and cross ownership.

As we all know, the public owns the airwaves, but increasingly, from radio & television to Cellular phone and cable networks, minority access is being eliminated.

Please let Chairman Powell and the Commission know that one hour of public input, as at the Richmond hearing, is NOT enough. Thank you for listening to the public in Seattle, and I hope every Commissioner will be at the Duke hearing at month's end.

Sincerely,

Rob Meyer, Seattle

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**From:** Jean Cassels  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sun, Mar 16, 2003 9:36 AM  
**Subject:** media deregulation

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I strongly oppose media deregulation.  
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Thank you.  
Most sincerely,

Jean Cassels  
New Orleans LA

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**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sun, Mar 16.2003 9:47 AM  
**Subject:** Keep media free and competitive

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Sondra Singer  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 20, 2003 12:14 AM  
**Subject:** media deregulation issue

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March 19, 2003

To: FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell

Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Kevin J. Martin, Michael J. Copps, Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear Commissioner:

I have personally worked in radio for the better part of the last 23 years. I have never liked the idea of deregulation because I could foresee what would happen if a very few people controlled the media. The original reasoning behind ownership regulation was to defend the ideas of free speech and to assure that we, the public, received diverse opinions from our media sources.

What has happened in the past 11 years of deregulation of radio is that two companies control the vast majority of our stations. The "economies of scale" that they have put forth have caused our media to become homogenized. What's good for Los Angeles is good for Ft. Collins, Colorado. And, that simply isn't always true. Before deregulation, if there was a fire in town, you could find a local radio station to report it. Today, you generally can't find immediate local news. A consumer can't find out what is going on, unless it is part of a scheduled traffic report. Not only that, but opinions, once upon a time, were diverse. Today, they reflect the opinions of the managers who hire the personalities. I had to laugh, ironically, a few weeks ago, when a Clear Channel talk personality was defending Clear Channel, saying that he could voice whatever opinion he wanted. The reason I laughed was that they wouldn't have hired him in the first place if he didn't agree with their philosophies. Music is also being restricted by these large conglomerates. We Americans have many voices, but conglomerate ownership has one. This can hardly be deemed "broadcasting in the public interest." Plus, allowing companies like Clear Channel to also own concert promotion companies and other related businesses restricts free trade and favors their own media properties. This monopolizing of news and entertainment has got to stop!

We need to encourage independent ownership and diversity of programming. There was inherent wisdom in earlier FCC rulings that imposed strict limits on the amount of stations one company could own. The same may be said of FCC rules prohibiting one company from owning a broadcasting station and a newspaper in the same market.

The idea that the FCC may further loosen ownership rules is scary to me. The time has come to rescind the previous relaxations of these rules, to re-impose ownership limits, to reinstate rules requiring annual local programming assessments, and to force media behemoths like Clear Channel and Infinity to diversify their holdings.

To allow the most popular sources of news, information and entertainment to be owned by a small handful of people across the nation and in any one community is extremely dangerous for our democratic process.

Thank you,

Sondra Singer

Lakewood, Colorado

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**From:** Kelly Steyaert  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 2/27/03 6:15AM  
**Subject:** From Joe consumer

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FCC Will Hear Debate On Broadening Media Ownership

Companies own enough already! It is already a monopoly and considering what little we have there should be NO debate. Most news and media today is dumbed down and sterile. **As** a taxpayer I demand that there are no changes in the ownership rules and if they do change they should be in favor of breaking up such monopolies.

Peter Steyaert

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**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 2/25/03 10:51PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

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

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.

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 its 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

Joseph Fitzsimons  
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baldwin ny 11510

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**From:** Fran Holden  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 2/27/03 3:28PM  
**Subject:** Monopoly of news

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How could anyone in America advocate **one** voice for all? If you allow one corporation to own multiple media outlets, where does this leave the true voices of America? Would it really be possible to have unbiased news? I'm afraid we're already at this point; why would you, with a clear conscience, play devil's advocate?!

Fran Holden

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**From:** Lorrin Palagi  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 2/27/03 12:29PM  
**Subject:** Clear Channel

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Powell,

The following is an excerpt from a recent Fortune article. Does this sound like a company that serves the public interest to you?

**FORTUNE**

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

By Christine Y. Chen

Lowry Mays is the Big Daddy of radio. The founder and CEO of Clear Channel, Mays oversees 1,233 radio stations with some 100 million listeners across all 50 states, and runs a company with \$8 billion in revenues and a \$23 billion market cap. But ask Mays about what he does for a living and you won't hear much about musicians or how to bring up ratings or who's the best DJ. Those things don't interest him much. Truth is, Mays isn't that passionate about what goes out over the **airwaves**. **As** long as his broadcasts sell ads, he's happy. "If anyone said we were in the radio business, it wouldn't **be** someone from our company," says Mays, 67. "We're not in the business of providing news and information. We're not in the business of providing well-researched music. We're simply in the business of selling our customers products."

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to read this

Sincerely

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**From:** nancydion  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 2/27/03 7:06PM  
**Subject:** regulations

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We all weren't born yesterday. Trying to convince anyone of the benefit to our freedoms to have only a few large corporations control our broadcast media has to be ludicrous. Already the control of the media by corporations gives a very sorry look to our country.

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From Bolsero@aol.com  
To fpowell@fcc.gov  
cc  
Subject CONTROLLING the Media

Dear Mr. Powell,

We the American people strongly urge you and your committee to HALT the mergers of various media controlled by BIG CORPORATIONS and allow FREE SPEECH, our constitutional right. We are STILL greatly disturbed by the succession of events emanating from the CRUX of the problem: namely, the 2000 election STOLEN by George Bush, aided by a TREASONOUS Supreme Court and the criminal manipulations of the vote in Florida by Jeb Bush and Katherine Harris. UNLESS freedom of the press and freedom of speech are GUARANTEED in this nation, we are headed for a dangerous dictatorship whose voice is made heard by a MONOLITHIC compliant media. This spells eventual disaster. Please have the GUTS to resist this trend and speak out for DEMOCRACY!! You KNOW in your heart that this is true.

Thank you.

John Delevoryas  
Professor Emeritus, San Jose State University

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From: Amy  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: 2/27/03 7:54AM  
Subject: What is happening to America?

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Chairman Powell-

I have been wondering why I haven't seen very much anti-war sentiments expressed on TV. Why haven't I been able to see many protests? Certainly what I have seen is only a fractional representation of what's really going on. Where has the news gone?? What control freak nazi is deciding what we're "permitted" to know? Is Saddam Hussein hiding out in our own government?

Lifting current media ownership limits will have a drastic impact on the independence, accuracy and diversity of national and local media and could severely limit an individual's access to multiple sources of information.

This sets up the perfect scenario for mass brainwashing. We don't need that in this country. Isn't totalitarianism the sort of thing for which our country is willing to go to war?

Overturing the current ownership rules would be insane.

I am sure you must be aware of the implications. You can help bring a **swift** end to the last straw of corporate ownership of America.

The FCC must reconsider its efforts to lead the nation down such a dangerous path and must open the process to further public comment and scrutiny. It is an outrage that the FCC expects to make a decision with such profound and irrevocable consequences on the basis of two public hearings. Extending the regulatory process to allow for a series of public hearings across the minimum the FCC must do to ensure the fairness of the process, If the FCC is responsive to the public will, not just to corporations, it will preserve the current media ownership rules.

Thank you for your attention.

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From: Johnnie E. Blackburn  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: 2/27/03 8:35AM  
Subject: "Serving the Public Interests..."

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Dear Sir:

I know I'm just one citizen, but in Tuscaloosa, AL, the already relaxed regulations have all but made us non-existent in the communications world. Since the 90's our city has lost its CBS Television affiliate of 30 years that had its own Arbitron and Nielson market and locally owned newspaper. Our Television station provided news and information not only to our county but to ten other counties within the West Alabama area, many of which are low income areas that depended on Tuscaloosa for their local news and weather and sense of community. Now our TV Station resides in Birmingham, Alabama combined with the television station from Anniston, AL which was treated much the same way ours was into a corporate-owned pre-packaged clone of everyone else. By the way our local newspaper is now owned by the NY Times, bless em they give us at least one local story every day on our front page. We are the 5th largest city in the state and we don't even have a Television station or Newspaper to call our own because of greed. And don't get me started on radio. What happened to the Communications Act of 1934? Do you think any of these media giants like Clear Channel who now even owns the ratings company, care about serving the public? HA! Our only remaining television channel hopeful was Ch 23. A number of years ago, some citizens and the News Director that wasn't hired when our Ch 33 moved to Birmingham, raised money, generated petitions, and filed with you to put another station on the air. Who got the license? A large media corporation who promised us a LOCAL station with NEWS and LOCAL COVERAGE...what did we get? A simulcast of ancient tv re-runs...The FCC promised to review this case in two years and if we didn't have a wonderful, local TV Station this channel could be re-assigned. Was it reviewed? I think not. Cause we still have NOTHING...And, now we are going to deregulate further? I can't wait to be under-served even further!!!! Wake up!!! We're going to look like a communist country with one newspaper, one TV Station and one Radio Station very soon. The people get nothing and these lovely little companies who are being deprived of doing business (choke, choke) are laughing all the way to the bank. It's all business deals to them and its your job to force them to remember what I remember, that they are there to SERVE the Public!!!! Please consider this Thursday during your hearings. I can't send a lobbyist and the only PAC money I have goes into packing my child's school lunch every day. Thank you for your time, Mrs. Johnnie Blackburn, 326 Shiloh Lane N, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406 ph 205-348-9466

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**From:** Jesse McDaniel  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB. Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** 2/27/03 9 03PM  
**Subject:** On the notion of weakening broadcast ownership rules

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To all commissioners of the FCC,

On the notion of weakening broadcast ownership rules...  
Simply put - PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T.

This form of regulation is put in place to protect the public. Especially in light of today's horrific political tide the public needs MORE protection, not less. Even a 35% coverage limit seems far too liberal to me. The very notion that a single entity could control such media power is rather terrifying. Hopefully you agree that what happened to the radio industry was a mistake not to be repeated with the even more powerful TV industry. Are the current regulations dated? No doubt... They [the protections] should be strengthened in light of how the world and industry has changed since 1975. Please work for the people of this country, not against them.

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Subject: Outreach

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Dear Chairman and Commisioners:

I appreciate the time you are now expending to "reach out to the people." As a private citizen unaffiliated with any lobby on this issue (as yet), I would like to take this opportunity to argue againt further deregulation of radio and television.

I am sure, you are all aware of arguments for deregulation. However, as I read of your efforts through a media source owned and operated by one of the media giants, I cannot help but be struck by the paucity of information on the downsides of deregulating a service industry that is ESSENTIAL to the fair governance of our large democracy as a whole. Once recalls similar "unfortunate oversights" of the past (e.g. - debates over selling public airwaves in Congress was not reported by big media until after their lobby had prevailed) and wonders what further deregulation might bring.

Free media is essential for a democracy. However, we in the political science community are also aware that, ironically, in order for media sources to be "free", they must not be allowed to act together. Like any other kind of monopoly, excessive market power in the news and entertainment industries produces terrible distortions in price and goods provision for consumers. In this case, though, such distortions have even more far reaching effects for responsible and responsive government in a large democracy, like our own.

I hope you will agree that these are issues we must keep in mind when considering deregulation or re-regulation. **Just** as a final point, I would like to direct your attention to an excellent book on the experience of two other democracies in regulating similar industries: Freer Markets, More Rules: Regulatory Reform in Advanced Industrial Countries (Cornell Studies in Political Economy) by Steven K. Vogel.

Thank you again for your time and consideration

R. Todd Andrews

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**Subject:** access

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Dear Mr. Powell:

I understand that you are interested in hearing what average Americans think about media consolidation. If that is true, perhaps you will be so kind as to travel through America seeking us out where we live to sound us out. Few of us possess the time and resources to travel to Washington to speak with you there.

I am a Yale law graduate who despairs of the shrinking of local representation in the increasingly banal, vulgar, and colorless broadcast world our airwaves have become. I think you are very unwise to accelerate this trend by allowing more concentration of ownership--and that is a considerable understatement. Please get a clue.

Sincerely,  
Linda Defendeifer  
Belleville, IL

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**From:** Bev Messer  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 2/28/03 2:11PM  
**Subject:** Consolidation of networks

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I am quite alarmed that your organization might allow the newsmedia monopolies to become even larger. The news is quite biased as it is. I am a democrat and a liberal and it seems all the news is controlled by Fox or other very conservative networks. I find this to be extremely un-American and terribly dangerous. I am quite concerned about my country and the way things are going. I hope that you will maintain the barriers to allowing only one side of the political issues. America is supposed to be a democracy and it does not look like it these days. Thank you

Respectfully, Beverly Evans Messer 124 Union street Belfast. Maine 04915

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**To:** Mike Powell  
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Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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.

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 its 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,

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**From:** dshupp@iname.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 3/2/03 7:27PM  
**Subject:** Request

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Please do not relax the rules re media ownership. I am very concerned that too few large groups will dominate the media and many different opinions will be squelched.

Thank you

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**From:** Kristin Cato  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 3/2/03 8:06PM  
**Subject:** Congress demand FCC protect public media access

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Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Nathan Hawks  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 3/2/03 9:34PM  
**Subject:** Reverse, don't further, media consolodation

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Chairman Powell,

I do not understand why your FCC would wish to pursue Stalinist goals.

Of course, I mean the conglomeration of mass communication under the same regimes that control wealth and possess vast engines of propaganda - major corporations.

Eventually much damage will need to be done, damage created by the FCC in making broadcast voice available only to the powerful. Please do not further this damage by letting these profit-guided bodies to soak up our entire AM and FM dial, TV, print and other sources with their spongy money machines.

Nathan Hawks  
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"We are the Americans. We speak with one voice. We have analyzed your defensive capabilities as being unable to withstand us. We will add your industrial and human resources to our own. World opinion is irrelevant. Human life is irrelevant. History is irrelevant. If you attempt to defend yourselves, we will destroy you." --George W. Bush (paraphrased)

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**From:** Sondra Singer  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 3/20/03 12:10AM  
**Subject:** Media Deregulation issue that is before you.

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To: FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell

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Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Kevin J. Martin, Michael J. Copps

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Dear Commissioner:

I have personally worked in radio for the better part of the last 23 years. I have never liked the idea of deregulation because I could foresee what would happen if a very few people controlled the media. The original reasoning behind ownership regulation ~~was~~ to defend the ideas of free speech and to assure that we, the public, received diverse opinions from our media sources.

What has happened in the past 11 years of deregulation of radio, is that *two* companies control the vast majority of our stations. The "economies of scale" that they have put forth have caused our media to become homogenized. What's good for Los Angeles is good for Ft. Collins, Colorado. And, that simply isn't always true. Before deregulation, if there was a fire in town, you could find a local radio station to report it. Today, you generally can't find immediate local news. A consumer can't find out what is going on, unless it is part of a scheduled traffic report. Not only that, **but** opinions, once upon a time, were diverse. Today, they reflect the opinions of the managers who hire the personalities. I had to laugh, ironically, a few weeks ago, when a Clear Channel talk personality was defending Clear Channel, saying that he could voice whatever opinion he wanted. The reason I laughed was that they wouldn't have hired him in the first place if he didn't agree with their philosophies. Music is also being restricted by these large conglomerates. We Americans have many voices, but conglomerate ownership has one. This can hardly be deemed "broadcasting in the public interest." Plus, allowing companies like Clear Channel to also own concert promotion companies and other related businesses restricts free trade and favors their own media properties. This monopolizing of news and entertainment has got to stop!

We need to encourage independent ownership and diversity of programming. There was inherent wisdom in earlier FCC rulings that imposed strict limits on the amount of stations one company could own. The same may be said of FCC rules prohibiting one company from owning a broadcasting station and a newspaper in the same market.

The idea that the FCC may further loosen ownership rules is scary to me. The time has come to rescind the previous relaxations of these rules, to re-impose ownership limits, to reinstate rules requiring annual local programming assessments, and to force media behemoths like Clear Channel and Infinity to diversify their holdings.

To allow the most popular sources of news, information and entertainment to be owned by a small handful of people across the nation and in any one community is extremely dangerous for our democratic process.

Thank you

Sondra Singer

Lakewood, Colorado

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**From:** Precursor Group - Rudy Baca  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 3/14/03 5 03PM  
**Subject:** Media Consolidation Now Less Likely, Incremental Ownership Revision

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Summary Precursor cautions investors that the outcome of the FCC's Biennial Review of its Media Ownership Rules now is likely to be incremental "tweaking" rather than elimination, with one possible exception. The practical result of less than outright elimination will be to permit consolidation only among smaller companies but not enable larger scale mergers between the broadcast networks. The exception (65% likely) to incremental modifications of the six rules under review is possible elimination of the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership ban. Investment Thesis: re-set expectations, in light of anticipating FCC's political dysfunction, to anticipate far less consolidation than networks have sought. However, elimination of the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership ban would likely provide trading opportunities for Tribune and Gannett. Winners and Losers: Tribune (TRB) and Gannett (GCI) stand to be the biggest winners because each has pursued ownership of print and broadcast (TV and radio) outlets in the same market. The national broadcast networks CBS (Viacom), Fox (NewsCorp), and NBC (General Electric) are potentially the biggest losers because their defensive strategy of cutting costs by consolidating to become more competitive has made elimination of the 35% national cap their highest priority. Clear Channel (CCU) faces a threat to its radio roll-up strategy because of a likely targeted radio cap due to its size. Timing: An omnibus FCC order is highly likely after mid-year 2003. (The full research can be accessed by viewing the attached PDF file.)

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**From:** Esther Bell  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** 3/15/03 10 55AM  
**Subject:** No monopoly of our airwaves

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps,  
We must make sure that many voices are heard in this country and not the voice of only one or two companies. Please keep the media ownership rules in place.

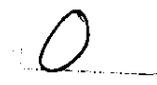
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Esther Bell.  
Film Director

"The goal of the Unamerican Film Festival is to promote films and socially conscience ideas that are underrepresented or neglected by the mainstream media," explained Festival Director and filmmaker Esther Bell. "In a time when democracy and freedom are being outlawed in the name of Homeland Security, it is more important than ever to promote artists of all genres whose work strives to preserve the democratic ideals upon which The United States was founded.", explained festival director, Esther Bell.

For a list of tour dates, the complete lineup of films, or to bring the Unamerican Festival to a town near you, explore the Unamerican's web site at [w.unamericanfilmfestival.com](http://w.unamericanfilmfestival.com)



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**From:** Karine Shashoua  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 3/16/03 9:47AM  
**Subject:** Keep media free and competitive

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Dear Commissioner Powell:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner Powell, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

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**From:** M Peachw  
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