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Jonathon Adelstein, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Cross Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers

Ucar Commissioner Adelstein:

Please *do not* change the current FCC rules and allow ownership of radio &/or TV stations and newspapers to be owned by the same organization. We need MORE diversity and competition in our media, not less. Encouraging separate ownership of many newspapers. TV, and radio stations promotes experiments with different programming and local news as opposed to broadcasting staff sitting miles away in other cities doing the "local" news and passing themselves off as members of a community they probably have never even seen.

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**We** do believe the lifeblood of democracy runs through the veins of the media and your responsibility to the American people is an awesome one. Keep **as** many voices alive **as** you can. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Patricia and Edward F. Hester



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Ms Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
145 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, D.C. 70554

Re: Cross Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

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Michael Copps, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Kevin Martin, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
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