

Sincerely,

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From: drzak4@charter.net
To: KathleenAbernathy
Date: Wed, Apr 9, 2003 2:13 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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From: Duane Seibold
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, Apr 9, 2003 4:35 PM
Subject: FCC regulations

Dear Commissioner,

I oppose further deregulation of radio and tv stations. I understand that Clear Communications Corporation controls over 1200 radio stations and 37 tv stations. To me this is monopolizing the airways that belong to the public. There are some cities with radio stations totally controlled by this Corporation. Which eliminates opposing view points and other content. We would appreciate your consideration of this matter. Thank you very much.

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