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From: Beth Lux
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 7, 2003 10:04 AM
Subject: deregulation

Good Morning,

I am writing as a concerned citizen. I am urging you to allow more public input before making a decision regarding how many stations a particular company can own. Please consider that currently only a handful of major companies own the majority of the networks/cable stations in addition to owning radio stations and newspapers. Take Viacom for instance. If you look to see exactly how much of the media that one company owns you should be disturbed. It means that most of my news and information is coming from one source. I have to search far and wide to find objective information - and with the future of NPR at risk, my choices will be slim to nothing. Please, I urge you to carefully consider what the future may hold for us if ultimately ALL MEDIA could be owned by one company.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely yours,
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