

**From:** Dorothy Tod  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 4:19 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Changes to Media regulations

Dear Michael K. Powell, Chairman

I believe that it's very important to maintain as much diversity in ownership of media outlets in all markets as possible. Please don't relax the ownership requirements; we need a free press in this country and with single ownership comes a single view point.

Please consider that I am one of many people who feel this way and it's up to the FCC to hear these voices and not bow to pressure from the media industry.

Significant public discussions need to be held before making any dramatic changes to the regulations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Tod, 41Hazel Brown Road, Warren, VT 05674

**From:** Mary Alice Bisbee  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 9:17 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Mary Alice Bisbee (malbis@vtlink.net) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,  
Please do not allow further deregulation of the telecommunication industry. We, the people, need to know what is actually going on, not just more warmongering propaganda, from FOX, CNN and other major news sources. Especially, at this critical time in our history, we need to hold on to those precious freedoms that our founding fathers set in place. Propaganda is not news. I don't believe that they ever envisioned a scenario where corporations have the same freedoms as individuals, or that huge monopolies would control our media.

Please stop further deregulation now, to protect the public, and safeguard our most precious freedoms.

Sincerely,

Mary Alice Bisbee

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**From:** Annie Phillips  
**To:** Webmaster  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 11:11 AM  
**Subject:** Comments on Media Ownership

Hello, Webmaster! Your site is terrific, except something very important is not functioning now. It worked fine for me yesterday morning, when I submitted my comment on the rule revision for media ownership...which is a really vital issue to our country right now.

After that, though, a friend contacted me saying she couldn't figure out how to send her comment. I tried to duplicate what had easily worked for me a couple of hours earlier, but got the "Sorry, Page Not Found" message. Could it be you're getting flooded with comments and missing them all? This would be an ironic shame.

Please look into it and fix it ASAP, so the democratic process can function properly. Thank you.  
Anne W. Phillips  
4010 89th Ave SE  
Mercer Island, WA  
98040

**CC:** Mercer Island PeaceMakers, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, sally beane

**From:** doris copperman  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 1:32 PM  
**Subject:** FCC purpose and responsibility

To Federal Communications Commissioners:

The mission of the FCC is to guarantee freedom of information and citizen access to objective news. This needs to be true for people of all ages, all locations, and all points of view. It is not the FCC's job description to determine what news should be made available to the rest of us, nor should that decision be made by corporations that control large parts of the communication network and have their own goals in what should reach the populace.

Freedom of the Press is the backbone of democracy, but it doesn't mean that the Press can be allowed to select the news in every aspect of reaching those who are dependent on the Press for accuracy in reporting. We should not be allowed to be manipulated.

Thank you for your attention.

Doris and Ralph Copperman

**From:** Amy Clayton  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 5:00 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Amy Clayton (parkclay@earthlink.net) writes:

Greetings, I heard you this AM on the radio discussing the changes proposed for June 2, 2003. I am shocked that we would not be able to have an open forum over an extended length of time to determine a matter of such import to our nation, our culture. I am appalled by the ignorance we Americans have of the world and believe that much of that stems from a lack of real choice of information sources. The coverage of the war has disturbed me, and again I see that as corporate culture imposing its values on us. One the tragedy is that we allow ourselves to believe that we are free. Thanks for speaking out! Amy

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**From:** Lisa Barney  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 9:31 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Lisa Barney (lisambarney@yahoo.com) writes:

Please do not relax the media ownership rules for television. I believe this would reduce the number of viewpoints the public receives in the news media. We need as many viewpoints as possible to make good informed decisions.

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**From:** dave andersen  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 10:57 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

dave andersen (davearnt@pe.net) writes:

chairman powell,  
cc other commissioners

i do NOT support the repeal of media ownership limits. on the contrary, i support stronger limits against media consolidation.

furthermore, it is my understanding that merely four percent of the american public know of the fcc's current attempt to repeal limits. it would be dishonest for the fcc to go forward on this without properly informing us.

sir, please encourage a full discussion of these issues. forcing a decision on june 2nd is NOT in the public's best interest. please act in our best interest by delaying a decision of this importance. thank you.

sincerely,

dave andersen  
hemet, california  
davearnt@pe.net

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**From:** Aaron DeWall  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 11:30 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Aaron DeWall (aarondeWall@hotmail.com) writes:

For what its worth,

I would like to strongly urge you, in your highly esteemed position, to reconsider your June 2nd dismantle. It would be sad indeed, to know, at this point in American history, at this crossroad, in these dire, murky times, that the mega-media-emperors were allowed to buy the mental environment of America's future generations.

From a simple American citizen to a very powerful American public servant, I ask you, urge you, plead with you to preserve what belongs to the American people. And, if you insist on this audacious path, to at least postpone the rule change and inform the American mass public about the rule change. I am troubled that the existing commercial mass-media entities have not informed the public about this monolithic event. Why would they? They are the ones who privately profit from public ignorance. As a service to the American people, the FCC should insist that this monolithic event be understood on a mass level.

It is a bold time to achieve such a maneuver, Commissioner Adelstein. Please find it in your greatest wisdom and conscience to rethink the June 2nd dismantle.

Thank you for your time,

Aaron DeWall

p.s. thanks for being in the Bay Area this weekend to hear the people.

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**From:** Randall Morrow  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:02 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Randall Morrow (pursuit61@aol.com) writes:

As a radio broadcaster I would ask that some way to reform the problems created by the Telcom Act of '96 be sought. I can only speak to the industry wide problems I have read about and the problems I have seen in my local market. Specifically in Wichita Kansas the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and its easing of ownership limits has been a disaster for local radio. That bills proponents claimed it would increase employment. In local radio it certainly has not! Pre '96 many stations had five, and in some cases six, "on-air" shifts per weekday plus maybe four or more on Saturday and Sunday on music format stations. In a local news format station the number of on-air personnel would have been even higher. Now a large number of stations have four or fewer shifts per day and perhaps two weekend personnel. Also at some stations employees now "voice track" shifts for more then one station, further cutting employment. The Telcom bill proponents also claimed it would increase incre!  
ase job security and wages. Mayb  
e for a Howard Stern or a Rush Limbaugh but not in Kansas. In Kansas there is still no job security or increase in wages post Telecom bill.

From personal exxperience I can tell you it used to be when "on-air" (especially overnight) you would get a call from some lonely listener of bored 3rd shifter wanting to hear a song and YOU could PLAY it for them. That was a public service--you felt like you'd done something--maybe not the same feeling as working for Voice of America but you had made someone happier. That's all gone now. In Kansas live local overnight and even evening shifts are almost unheard of. Plus, many people locally and nationally have stopped listening to radio.

I would say that the radio results of the 96 Telecom bill are: 1. A decrease in the employment in local radio--fewer jobs means more applicants for the jobs there are, 2. A decrease in voice quality of the few employees. Since employers don't have to look far to fill positions, there is no incentive to pay well (and in many cases experience doesn't count)., and 3. Fewer listeners and less diversity within a given format (i.e. tighter playlists, etc.) . The right legislative action might correct problems created by the previous passage of the wrong legislation.

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**From:** maryann\_oco OCONNOR  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:16 AM  
**Subject:** do not loosen regs

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

On behalf of my family and friends, as well as myself, we ask that you take no action to further concentrate media control into fewer hands. Democracy itself is at stake. The responsibility of the commission is to act on behalf of the welfare of the public.

Mary Ann O'Connor  
4332 E. Nisbet Rd.  
Phoenix, Arizona

**From:** Cindy Prince  
**To:** john\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, fritz\_hollings@hollings.senate.gov,  
barbara\_boxer@boxer.senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 7:06 AM  
**Subject:** Media Deregulation vote

Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

Sincerely,

Cindy Prince

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<http://www.thehungersite.com/home>

**From:** Wuchinich, Susan  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 8:51 AM  
**Subject:** via Voice4Change.org

I urge you to tell the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) not to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media.

As you know, the FCC is currently reviewing its rules for media ownership. The FCC appears likely to seriously relax the rules. If that happens, one company may be allowed to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations, and the cable TV system in the same community. There would be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide.

Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer companies, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. Plus, it would likely result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs would likely be passed onto consumers.

The FCC is expected to vote on whether to change the rules on June 2. The public comments submitted to the FCC by individuals have been overwhelmingly opposed to media consolidation. Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition.

Please tell the FCC to re-instate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy. Thank you.

**From:** Melissa Stone  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 8:54 AM  
**Subject:** Media De-Regulation

Dear Chairman Powell, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin and Adelstein:

As a former holder of an FCC radio broadcaster's licence, I am extremely concerned about the upcoming decision about media de-regulation that will engage your attention before 2 June.

Now that Lockheed Martin is funding National Public Radio, the influence of corporate interests on US radio has never been greater. In particular, the recent radio coverage of the US war in Iraq has been horrendous, has resembled the totalitarian media control that the Soviet Union had until the early 1990s -only state censored news was permitted on the airwaves. In the US recently, only the Bush administration's perspectives, sanitized by weapon's makers and their allies, were allowed on the airwaves, while moderate journalists were purged from the Iraqi theatre, prevented from doing their jobs whenever they reported what they witnessed.

In the US, the potential for full corporate monopoly of US information sources, with the corporate sponsors toting the presidential administration's misinformation campaign for big tax break incentives is the damning of free media. Please do not allow media de-regulation to enable any single corporate entity to take over both print and electronic media! Not only would this constitute a conflict of interest with the foundational principles of free media, de-regulation to this degree would be a failure on your part to effectively maintain the regulation of information sources in the United States.

Sincerely,

Melissa Stone  
Social Psychologist

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can change the world.  
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

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**From:** Andrea Saunders  
**To:** john\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, boxer@senate.gov  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 9:18 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear (Senator or Commissioner):

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

Andrea Saunders

Bethlehem, PA

**From:** William Cline  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 9:38 AM  
**Subject:** via Voice4Change.org

Dear Mr. Powell,  
Would you please stop being a corporate shill and start acting in the interests of all Americans as citizens. Please stop acting in the interests of media corporate interests. We need to be protected from them and it is your job to regulate the media to serve the public interest.

A concerned U.S. citizen,  
Bill Cline

**From:** Lantz Hawthorne  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 9:44 AM  
**Subject:** FCC deregulation for TV

Dear Mr. Powell:

I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed loosening of FCC regulations regarding TV station ownership caps. The proposed 45% ownership cap would in effect allow a couple of companies to dominate TV broadcasting, thus further consolidating media power into the hands a few corporations. We've already seen the disasterous results this has had on radio broadcast: thousands of cookie-cutter stations playing generic, watered-down programming designed to appeal to the broadest-possible audience so that more advertising can be sold. Alternative programming is increasingly being squeezed out by the dumbed-down, lowest-common-denominator drivel dominating the airwaves these days.

Television has rarely been hailed as a provider of high-quality, edifying content, but there has been a little progress in recent years. It would be tragic if these minor improvements were set back, as fewer companies control more bandwidth, and promoting more content designed for the sole purpose of increasing ad sales.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Lantz Hawthorne

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**From:** Stuart Gold  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 9:56 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Stuart Gold (dallasthecow@netzero.net) writes:

<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2003/0512/082.html>

If there is any truth to this article it is very damning to say the least. How can a competitor of baby bells FAIRLY compete if this is what is going on in the telecom industry? Why are the bells continually rewarded for behavior like this?

Do you guys understand the more powerful the bells become the less competition they will have?

Not only have they cheated the consumer they have cheated on their competitors as well. Because of these hidden costs, competitors paid inflated costs to access the bells so called network (ha, the consumer paid for it)?

Do you guys think TELERIC pricing is justifiable now? (Not to mention linesharing!)

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**From:** Nancy Walker  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 9:58 AM  
**Subject:** media ownership rules

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Respectfully,

Nancy Walker

16 Higgins Street, Portland, Maine 04103

**From:** Carleton Spotts  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 10:03 AM  
**Subject:** via Voice4Change.org

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**From:** alison young rasch  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 10:35 AM  
**Subject:** Media deregulation vote

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Sincerely,

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**From:** clarice54880@yahoo.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 10:40 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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,

Clarice Peterson  
2006 Washington Avenue  
Superior, Wisconsin 54880

cc:  
Senator Herb Kohl  
Senator Russell Feingold  
Representative David Obey

**From:** Christopher Millis  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 11:36 AM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

Choice is an illusion without diversity. I urge you -- in the name of maintaining a spectrum of opinion in the broadcast media, whose name is also democracy -- to join with commissioner Michael Copps in opposing any deregulation of the industry.

Your decision will affect our freedom.

Sincerely,

Christopher Millis  
Editor, artsMEDIA

**From:** Dierdre Freamon  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 11:42 AM  
**Subject:** deregulation

Dear Mr. Powell,

You know all too well that deregulation of the news media will not result in increased competition. Just as deregulation of the cable company ended a large variety and created under 10 large conglomerations, so shall deregulation of the news media create less not more competition and diversity. I am ashamed of your lies. Please reconsider your sway to deregulate, think of the impact on our society and news becomes a commodity, not a right.

Sincerely,

Dierdre M. Freamon

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**From:** raymond compton  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 11:50 AM  
**Subject:** via Voice4Change.org

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