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To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Apr 24, 2003 5:36 PM
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Subject: upcoming proposed regulatory changes

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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Apr 24, 2003 8:47 PM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

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From: Kathi Tafuto
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 9:29 AM
Subject: Deregulation

Kathleen;

Please, no more media conglomeration! Commercialization of America needs to take a serious `chill pill'. And you can help...please. I just want to be able to watch one TV show with my kids (Everybody Loves Raymond) and not feel accosted. The commercials are horrendous.

Also, let freedom reign! Kudos to true journalists like Jane Akre. <http://www.foxbghsuit.com>

Kathi in VT

From: pmonet@atziloth.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Subject: Deregulation

Dear Sir,

Please stop media conglomeration. The citizens of America need to hear the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. See <http://www.foxbghsuit.com>. Big business has 'bullied' their way onto the airwaves long enough.

Kathi in VT

From: Terri Grayum
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 9:35 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

Terri Grayum
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April 25, 2003

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
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Kathy in VT

From: Mih123@aol.com
To: undisclosed-recipients, @fcc.gov
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 10:51 AM
Subject: Media Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner,

The FCC should keep the current media ownership rules and enforce public interest requirements.

I believe merging media outlets hinders our ability to be informed citizens. The public and our democracy are better served by preserving the current ownership rules.

Also, I encourage the FCC to hold off on any changes until the FCC discloses its plans publicly so that Congress and the public can respond.

Sincerely,

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Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Peter Fitzgerald
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From: Nora Marsh
To: Mike Powell, kabernal@fcc.gov, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 12:44 PM
Subject: Expanding Ownership Limits

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing you to express my opposition to the proposed change in the FCC rules (scheduled for decision on June 2nd, 2003), that would allow for expanded ownership limits by media companies and conglomerates. As a concerned citizen with an ear to the airwaves, I think that the purpose of the FCC and its rules is to serve the people of the United States and that it should operate with the best interests of the people in mind. Expanding the ownership limits would erode the quality, variety and objectivity of the information that I am currently able to listen to or view. Companies like Fox and Clear Channel would end up monopolizing the media and this flies in the face of free market competition.

I feel that this proposed change is a very dangerous and extremely undesirable one. I beseech you to NOT make this change and continue to serve the people of this country and not the large media corporations. They do not represent us, you do!

Please

Sincerely,

Nora Marsh
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Auburn, CA 95603

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Senator Mike DeWine
Representative Steve Chabot
Senator George Voinovich

From: bianca morales
To: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 2:20 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

I am aware of the vote scheduled for June 2 on further deregulation of broadcasting ownership. If you vote to deregulate further this will do enormous damage to our already beleaguered democracy, putting control of information dissemination into the hands of a few whose motives are profit, not the public interest.

Chairman Powell I urge you to put off this vote for at least 12 months so the issue can be studied, so the public can be informed (commercial media is ignoring the issue totally).

If this deregulation goes through we will see greater voter apathy, a less informed public (scary considering how ill informed people are already) and this will be bad for the US and for the world. Please do not do this.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Blanca Morales

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From: pat@patandmikestravel.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 2:31 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers that could reduce competition and diversity in the media.

Before the media ownership rules are issued in final form, the public must have the opportunity to review and comment on any specific changes the Commission plans to make.

If media ownership rules are seriously weakened, one company in a town could control the most popular newspaper, TV station, and possibly even a cable system giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of local news. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in a community. It could also raise costs for businesses and candidates that use local media for advertising.

While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. We believe that additional input from the public will help the Commission see the strengths and weaknesses of any new approach.

I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

The stakes for citizens and the nation are enormous. More information, not less, about proposed changes would best serve the public interest. Indeed, we hope the Commission would do everything in its power to keep the rulemaking process as open and inclusive as possible.