

I urge you to promote a diverse, balanced, and competitive media. Please stop the FCC rule change on June 2. Since the last deregulation of media, the quality of programming and information has declined steadily. Variety is disappearing. Quality is sorry, sorry, sorry. Commercialism is rising, rising, rising. Intellectual content is nearly absent. True news and investigative reporting is nearly non-existent. An independent media is a cornerstone of democracy. The dissolution of barriers to larger-scale and across-media ownership has been very bad for the quality of the information and entertainment available in our nation. Removing additional barriers and regulation is the worst possible thing you could do and that could happen to our nation. The enlargement of the internet and satellite technologies is no substitute for radio and television and to argue that the development of "alternative" media sources is somehow an indication that regulation should be relaxed is entirely false and specious. Do not be fooled. Deregulation is the worst possible thing that could happen to our media. We allow media companies to use the airwaves in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the public interest, and it's the FCC's job to make sure that's so. Please hold the FCC to its mandate and oppose the rule change.