

At the June 2 meeting, you will be voting on matters that greatly affect the welfare of the US public. Ironically, the majority of the public is unaware of these matters precisely because our overly consolidated media has not seen fit to make people aware of what's at stake. Do not abdicate the government's responsibility to ensure a substantively free marketplace of ideas by allowing further media consolidation. On matters relating to docket items 02-277, 01-235, and 01-317, please vote against any further deregulation of national and local markets. Empirical evidence makes plain that deregulation does NOT result in a freer marketplace of ideas or in any other way redound to the benefit of the American people. There is no justification whatsoever for any vote to allow greater media consolidation; such a vote would be the clearest of signals about whose interests the FCC is looking after.

Thank you.