

Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C., 20544

Re: Opposition to proposed changes in Broadcast Ownership Rules

May 30, 2003

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

As a concerned citizen I oppose the anticipated loosening of Broadcast Ownership Rules to be discussed in open meeting on June 2, 2003. In my opinion media consolidation in recent years has already reduced the quality and availability of information that citizens need in order to make informed decisions. The extremely limited coverage of the FCC's upcoming meeting and decision is a case in point. (I learned of the issue only recently, from *public* radio.)

News and news analysis are special public facets of the media market. I believe that multiple channels of information and debate are more important to the democratic way of life than freedom to increase market share. The proposed changes with regard to multiple ownership and cross-ownership do not bode well for the future of our hard-won democracy, and I urge each of you to vote against them.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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