

Dear Commissioner Powell:

You strike me as an intelligent, yet sheltered and privileged person whose wealth and position has caused you to lose touch with the needs, values and experience of the common citizen.

I feel that you are being distracted from the essential aspects of the media ownership issue by wealthy forces who have much to gain from keeping you blind and therefore ineffective in your role as guardian of the nation's media.

Please wake up to the fact that you are being used as a puppet by corporate forces who don't care about anything but "fixing the game" to guarantee them an unfair advantage in the marketplace.

The FCC is the only thing that stands between responsible use of our media and an all out feeding frenzy to take control of the nation's broadcast outlets.

It already looks very much as if you have been bought and paid for by the big media companies. Please prove this perception to be wrong by encouraging public debate on these issues that are so very important to the culture and intelligence of every American citizen.

You've heard what the corporate bosses want from the media - it's time to make a serious effort to discover the needs and desires of the viewers - those people that the networks charge their advertisers so much to reach.

Sincerely,

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