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**From:** Bert Boulay  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 5:56 PM  
**Subject:** re: proposed broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Powell

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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely

Bert Boulay / KA1QGM  
Swansea, MA 02777-3652

**From:** Laura A Simon  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 6:10 PM  
**Subject:** re: deregulation of media

Chairman Powell,

I want you to know I among many citizens who are opposed to further deregulation of the media. It feels like people in power try to push these things through and sometimes the public is able to speak out when we hear about it. Why wouldn't we want more media sources which would be fitting of a true democracy? I expect people in power to help our democracy grow not encourage fewer and more powerful companies to control the media. Laura Simon

**From:** Jerry and Arlene  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 6:18 PM  
**Subject:** Broadcast ownership rules

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The Honorable Kathleen W. Abernathy

Madam: Please do not bend to the pressure the broadcast and cable companies will bring to bear on you to change the broadcast ownership rules. This will only tend to create a greater monopoly then currently exist...

Let me give you an example.

I reside in Mountain Home Arkansas....Since I live in the Ozark Mountains broadcast TV signals cannot be received as the nearest broadcast station to me is Springfield MO. A major topography and distance problem. This does not stop KYTV in Springfield from blocking my ability to receive NBC Chicago via satellite. KYTV and the local cable company, COX, also have the ability to prevent me from receiving stations from St. Louis via digital satellite which I can receive. Let me be specific in saying I cannot receive a signal from Springfield via broadcast TV nor have cable access anywhere near me. This does not stop these two companies from controlling what I can order from Dish satellite. I should be able to order what I want to view and not let these two companies control what I receive.

The current rules should be changed to permit me to do this.

Thank you

J. Montgomery  
Mountain Home Arkansas

**From:** MICKILEWIS@sbcglobal.net  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 6:26 PM  
**Subject:** Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Mr. Powell,

It has come to my attention that there will soon be a vote by the FCC to further deregulate the media. This must not happen. Further consolidation of the media will cause fewer and fewer companies to own the stations, leaving the public with fewer choices and more biased news coverage than ever before.

I am a U.S. citizen who is deeply concerned that our democratic rights are now more than ever before in jeopardy. Instead of deregulating the media further, I call on you to challenge the media to open the broadcast spectrum to a wide and diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the fairness doctrine. The ability to think differently with a variety of opinions and beliefs is what is special about this country, and deregulation of the media will only help to decrease this.

Thank you,

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Reno, NV 89503  
775-787-9040

**From:** Koenig, Steven  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 6:33 PM  
**Subject:** media conglomerates

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing to express my concern about pending FCC changes that would allow media companies to expand their ownership within a given market. This is a huge mistake that will undoubtedly lead to media monopolies. This has already led to a reduction in the number of smaller radio and TV stations which in turn has led to a homogenization of programming in many communities. What ever happened to diversity when it applies to the media? I certainly don't want to hear the same editorial fro my local TV station, FM channel, and daily newspaper. Please reconsider this proposal.

sincerely,

Steve Koenig, M.D.

**From:** Tracey Wickersham  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 6:53 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Tracey Wickersham (kbcstracey@hotmail.com) writes:

Thank you for your opposition to the proposed FCC rule changes that will allow further consolidatation of US media ownership. This is the wrong direction for our country and I appreciate your stance.

Sincerely,

Tracey Wickersham

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**From:** Liddy@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 6:53 PM  
**Subject:** Media ownership

It has come to my attention that the FCC is considering changing these rules to allow cross-ownership of all communications media in an area. This would definitely not be in the best interests of the public. We need information from a variety of sources to obtain a more complete knowledge of any issues at hand.

Please do not make these changed to the rules. We will be watching.  
Barbara L. Jackson

Liddy@aol.com

**From:** Charles Lenhoff  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 7:00 PM  
**Subject:** june 2nd vote

VIA POST & E-MAIL

May 1, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: JUNE 2ND VOTE

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

Lenhoff & Lenhoff is a small business representing writers, directors, producers and cinematographers in television.

Since the abolishment of FINSYN, we have suffered from a 60% reduction in buyers of our clients' services.

We have suffered from reduced employment opportunities for our clients. The fees for services rendered have eroded because of fewer opportunities.

The FCC has not spent enough time in exploring how increasing media concentration will affect small business like mine.

Fundamental values and democratic virtues is beyond my expertise, but from a guy trying to run an honest business, pay taxes, and build my clients careers, I am scared...

Sincerely,

S. Charles Lenhoff

**From:** Liddy@aol.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 7:01 PM  
**Subject:** Media communications

It has come to my attention that changes are being considered for the ownership of methods of communication. This should not be done. The American public needs a variety of sources for information on any subject/event/project, etc., in order to consider all aspects. This should not be limited to only one major ownership.

Yours sincerely, Barbara L. Jackson liddy@aol.com

**From:** John Wolfe  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 7:14 PM  
**Subject:** de-regulation

Dear Chairman Powell,

I spent my first career in broadcasting - 20 years, beginning in 1970 - and early on found many of the FCC rules to be anachronistic, and their enforcement heavy-handed.

However, it is my view that deregulation of the industry went too far the other way. Indeed, it has long been my opinion that de-regulation was the worst thing that ever happened to the commercial broadcast industry. Radio, particularly, was, in my view, emasculated. Group ownership of multiple signals in the same market changed the landscape dramatically. The public good is not served by such consolidation. There are fewer "voices" and as a result a far narrower point of view presented to listeners. Group broadcast owners talk about multiple signal ownership in terms of sales opportunities and profitability. My understanding from early on was that the airwaves were a public trust; sales and profitability a by-product of their operation. Additionally, group ownership and operation limit competition, and likely cost jobs.

Further consolidation and de-regulation will only make matters worse. A move toward slightly greater regulation would be a better step, even if it meant ultimately reducing the number of commercial broadcast signals available.

Thank you.

John Wolfe  
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Bel Air, MD 21015

**From:** wluffman@bellsouth.net  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 7:17 PM  
**Subject:** Broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Powell, I urge you to not relax the rules now in effect through the FCC in reference to the ownership of the media. This would open up all kinds of skullduggery for certain rich persons and conglomerates. The American people deserve to hear more than one side of any issue.

Your assistance is needed and welcomed by many of America's senior citizens. I am a retired Police officer and enjoy listening to radio in my spare time and feel that if certain people were allowed to they would stop any other viewpoints from being aired.

Thanks for your assistance.

Walter J. Luffman  
Winston Salem, NC 27127-6615

**From:** Jeff Smith  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 7:36 PM  
**Subject:** Ownership and deregulation of the media

dear mr. powell sir;

i am outraged that during a time of rampant jingoism and the need for critical thinking, that the FCC and the various forms of government (legislative/executive) are considering allowing further deregulation of media outlets in this great country. another monopoly on anything is not what we need right now, much less EVER. but a monopoly on information and the presentation of televised news would be a huge disservice to all americans. we need MORE information and MORE diverse viewpoints if this country is going to be able to think our way out of a box. and as an elected government, i believe it is your responsibility to assure that we are not managed like sheep by media manipulation. some people have the ability or the smarts to go to other sources for news and discussion. but some folks dont know any better or just dont have time to rely on much more than mainstream media and TV for info. these are the people that would get the worst ! of this proposed measure to deregulate by the FCC. i do not support this action and ask you to reject this proposal on the grounds that it would be a great disservice to the american people to allow further consolidation of information control. the rights of americans are being sacrificed on the alter of corporate economics and enforced patriotism. i am a proud american, and my forefathers and all the folks that have fought for this country and my rights should not die in vain knowing that media sources for the masses are controlled by a select few. especially if those few can be easily manipulated by the government or by money/lobbiests (sorry for the spelling there). anyway, this country is about open access to information, not about being abandoned by the feds to dollar hungry patricians. dont further deregulate at the expense of fresh news and bright ideas form the people that make this country great. thank you for reading.

sincerely,

jeff smith, PE

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**From:** Jena Pittmon  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 7:56 PM  
**Subject:** Stop FCC Deregulation

Please don't allow deregulation of the FCC.

Under "deregulation" rules proposed by the Federal Communications Commission, the already dangerous monopoly of TV and radio (and therefore of news, public thought and action) would dramatically worsen. The five corporations that own TV networks would be green-lighted to buy up each other. Local TV and radio stations would be swallowed by larger companies. Local newspapers and broadcast outlets would be allowed to purchase each other.

All of this will radically limit our sources of news.

Please don't let this happen.

Sincerely,  
Jena Pittmon  
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**From:** dwqn@aol.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 9:19 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

David Kuehn  
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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

cc:  
Senator Carl Levin  
Representative John Dingell  
Senator Debbie Stabenow

**From:** shoba@bellsouth.net  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 10:14 PM  
**Subject:** re: consolidation of radio and television stations

Dear Chairman Michael Powell,

As a voting citizen of the United States of America it is my duty to express my opinion regarding the proposed consolidation of radio and television stations.

In my opinion and in the opinions of many others, this consolidation of television and radio would be severely damaging to our democracy. In the past the media has always been a watch dog for government, but with the interests concentrated, it will be easier for the concentrated corporations to simply go along with who ever is in power, because their licences depend on it.

Additionally creativity and artistic talent would decline as the big corporations always have money as the bottom line.

Many minority groups would be left out in the cold because their music might not be appreciated by the monopolies that could so easily shape public opinion.

It would be better to encourage independent media than to consolodate the media that should be a "common" in American life.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Crawford

**From:** M Smyser  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 10:42 PM  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose the proposed FCC rule changes to relax media-ownership restrictions

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing this message to let you know that I strongly oppose the FCC rule changes to further relax media ownership restrictions. These changes pose a great threat to our democracy by further allowing large media corporations to buy-up a larger marketshare. In fact, changes enacted in the 1990s should be repealed. Already, only a few large media giants dominate our airways and print media to an extent never seen before.

A democracy can only be healthy when it allows its many voices to be heard and this is not the case in our country right now. Please stop the new these new rule changes now! Please save our democracy!!!

Sincerely,

Michael Smyser  
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Seattle, WA 98117  
(email: tcat03@foxinternet.net)

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** john f larsen  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 11:01 PM  
**Subject:** broadcast ownership rules

Gentlemen & Women,

I have recently been made aware of a proposal to change the FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules that prohibit monopoly ownership of media sources. I also understand that among the corporations fighting for the relaxing of these rules are the large media conglomerates.

If these proposals are adopted, it would in effect give the media giants greater power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air and out of the newspapers. Independent voices not popular with the people who run the conglomerates could and would be silenced.

In a society that holds freedom of speech in the highest regard, this would be a travesty unparalleled.

You must not, can not, and I say this not as an order but a plea, hesitate in rejecting these proposals in their entirety.

A concerned citizen  
John F. Larsen

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Tempelman@mail.webjogger.net

**From:** archalex@msn.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 11:29 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Rules

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Sincerely,

Mr. Archie R. Alexander  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106-9751

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Winston-Salem, NC 27106-9751

**From:** erin wrobel  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 12:03 AM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

We need to make a stand and let the Bell companies get a fair share for maintaining services for competitors. To have a business sell a product less than it cost to produce it is unimaginable and impossible to run that way for the smallest of businesses. Workers who work for the Bell companies make decent wages and fight for small percentage increases in pay as well for their jobs, while billion dollar long distance companies get breaks in services because they do not spend millions in upkeep and placement of new facilities. I understand we need to promote competition but it is not to anyones advantage to beat up the so far leaders of the industry to lower levels.

Thank you for taking time to read this

**From:** Jeff Parker  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 2:15 AM  
**Subject:** Radio Deregulation

To: FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell

Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Kevin J. Martin, Michael J. Copps, Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear Commissioner:

I am pleased to learn that the FCC is launching a review of media ownership rules. I am appalled at the massive media mergers that have changed the face of American broadcasting over the last decade. Entire communities are no longer being served by independent voices, local news and programming. Previous relaxation of ownership rules have gutted commercial radio of its variety, color, independence and sense of competition. This can hardly be deemed "broadcasting in the public interest."

The days of competing local radio formats have been replaced by homogenized rebroadcasts of the same satellite feeds from the same national sources to practically every market in the nation. This is particularly evident in smaller cities like Fresno, CA where one company, Clear Channel, now owns seven radio stations- a literal stranglehold on the local radio band.

We need to encourage independent ownership and diversity of programming. There was inherent wisdom in earlier FCC rulings that imposed strict limits on the amount of stations one company could own. The same may be said of FCC rules prohibiting one company from owning a broadcasting station and a newspaper in the same market.

The idea that the FCC may further loosen ownership rules is preposterous. The time has come to rescind the previous relaxations of these rules, to re-impose ownership limits, to reinstate rules requiring annual local programming assessments, and to force media behemoths like Clear Channel and Infinity to diversify their holdings.

To allow the most popular sources of news, information and entertainment to be owned by a small handful of people across the nation and in any one community is extremely dangerous for our democratic process.

Thank you,

Jeff Parker

**CC:** Michael Copps

**From:** Thomas  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 2:49 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Thomas (tbachofx@earthlink.net) writes:

I do not believe any one company should control our media <noun> someone claiming parpnormal or divine guidance in predicting the future.

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**From:** Jeff Chester  
**To:** jeff@democraticmedia.org  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 6:34 AM  
**Subject:** Academic letter/release to M. Powell/ownership

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May 1, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street SW

Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

The FCC will soon make a critical decision on media ownership policy that could affect the future course of our democracy. At stake, as you know, are the rules and policies governing U.S. media ownership of the nation's radio and television broadcasters, TV networks, and newspapers. You and your colleagues are well aware of the important role these media outlets play in providing the public with a diverse array of local and national information and analysis.

According to reports, the Commission is developing a "diversity index" that will serve as a form of universal measurement on media ownership. Such a measure, we understand, will be used to analyze individual media markets in order to determine whether cross-ownership limits should be eliminated, modified, or maintained. Press reports also suggest that some of the specific rules under review may be subject to new policies as well.

We have grave doubts that any single measure can effectively analyze the complexities of the media marketplace, in terms of its impact on journalism, citizen access to information, and competition. Such quantitative-let alone qualitative-methodological measures attempting to serve as holistic approaches are likely to be very imprecise.

As leading scholars in the field of social science and mass communications, we urge you to release to the public any proposed such measures in advance of their enactment. There must be serious scholarly and public debate about the efficacy of any proposed new measure on media ownership. Indeed, we look forward to examining and commenting on any proposal, so that the scholarly community can help make the most informed Commission decision possible on this important issue.

We are sure you, as we, believe that informed debate and discourse on the analytical underpinnings of what the FCC may propose can only further your goal of developing an approach to media policy regulation that is supported by sound scholarship.

Sincerely,

Cc.

Senator McCain

Senator Hollings

Representative Tauzin

Representative Dingell

FCC Commissioners Abernathy, Adelstein, Copps, Martin

<http://www.democraticmedia.org/news/academicsDecryFCC.html>

**From:** Georgina Keefe-Feldman  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 8:54 AM  
**Subject:** media deregulation

Dear FCC,  
Please help retain our (the public's) airwaves. Do NOT expand the number of media outlets one company can own. As we have seen recently in Iraq, a free media is essential to a true democracy.  
Thank you.  
Georgina Keefe-Feldman  
Beverly, MA

**From:** Vickie Cataldo  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 9:54 AM  
**Subject:** FCC regulations

Please uphold the current regulations pertaining to how many media outlets one company or individual can own. We need diverse stations with diverse voices.

Thank you.

Vickie Cataldo  
125 Rocky Hill Rd.  
Essex, MA 01929

**From:** Jenifer Duryea  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 11:35 AM  
**Subject:** No More Media Deregulation

The air waves belong to the American Public. Do not turn them over to mega-big business.

Jenifer Duryea  
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Gloucester MA 01930  
expaperlady5@yahoo.com

**From:** Jay Potts  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 11:49 AM  
**Subject:** Media-Industry Deregulation

Dear Mr. Powell:

My name is Jay Potts. I am a twenty-nine year old paralegal living in Savannah, GA. I am writing to you regarding your June 2, 2003 biennial review of the rules concerning media ownership.

I was unable to attend the sole, official public hearing you had on the matter on February 27, 2003, in Richmond, VA, so I would like to use this opportunity to express my strong opposition to any effort to remove, or loosen, existing regulations on media ownership.

It is my understanding that you stand in favor of media-industry deregulation, and honestly, I find this disappointing. The FCC essentially holds the airwaves in trust for the benefit of the public. Dissemination of information, and the ability to hear, and share, diverse and diverging viewpoints is vital to a democracy. It is essential to a free and open society. As chairman of the FCC, you have a responsibility to make certain that those voices can be heard. Deregulation would drown out the rich cacophony of voices and opinions that define our nation, and pave the way for greater corporate control of the airwaves and our culture. Corporations serve only their bottom line, not the public interest.

You have even noted the dangers of unchecked media expansion. Clear Channel Communications has virtually taken over FM dial since the radio industry was deregulated in 1996. When you spoke before the Senate Commerce Committee in January, you stated that you were, "...concerned about the concentration, particularly in radio." If you are concerned about the concentration of media outlet ownership in radio, the problem will be exponentially greater if the reins are loosened on television broadcasting companies. Additionally, I fail to see how allowing newspapers to own television or radio outlets could improve news coverage.

I have absolutely no financial stake in whether or not your commission decides to approve these rule changes. As a citizen, however, I stand to lose a lot if corporate interests are allowed to undermine the interests of the public, and that concerns me. I sincerely urge you not to approve any measures that would further deregulate the media-industry.

Thank you very much for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Potts  
jaypotts@earthlink.net

**CC:** Noelle Phillips

**From:** Lajocanda@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 12:04 PM  
**Subject:** To the Chairman and Members of the Commission:

Sirs and Madame:

I respectfully urge you NOT to vote to approve to lift the cap on media monopolies to 45%. We are already inundated with a myopic perspective of the news and world events as it is, and to lift the cap would only do public discourse and debate a further disservice.

No matter what our politics are, America must have a free press, one that serves the public's interest.

I do not want media monopolies controlling what I see and hear, or what kind of "news" I'm to receive. I do NOT want Clear Channel becoming the BBC, or every channel becoming FOX News!

I therefore urge you to act in the best interests of setting public policy in communications and vote NOT to expand monopolistic control of the public airways. Let's keep America's media and America's voices diverse and free!

Sincerely,

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**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Lajocanda@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 12:10 PM  
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**From:** Mark Phillips  
**To:** john\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Senator Boxer, Senator Feinstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 12:12 PM  
**Subject:** Oppose media deregulation

Dear Senator or Commissioner:

Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.  
Oppose media deregulation.

mark phillips,  
atascadero, ca., 93422

**From:** Jolene Sagan  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC FCCINFO  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 12:25 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Disapproval

FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to inform you and your commission of my disapproval of the possibility in changing the limits for media monopolies and their presence in our communication systems. In addition, I am very dissatisfied with the leadership and lack of communication, ironically enough, that Michael Powell has shown in his role as Chairperson.

The media is quite obviously owned by large corporations that, in my opinion, do not represent the larger society and its citizens. The airwaves however, are owned by us, the people. If you choose to take away this ownership, you will in effect be telling citizens that our ownership, access and right to the airwaves as we have known them - does not matter.

I thank the commissioners who have taken it upon themselves to speak with the people they represent and to hear our views on this potential change in ownership.

It is the commission's responsibility to preserve citizen's access and ownership to our airwaves. If you choose to implement a media monopoly as proposed, you are taking away our rights and ownership and I, along with many of my fellow Americans, will condemn you for such actions.

Best,

Jolene Sagan

Jolene Sagan  
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**From:** Davina Smith  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 12:25 PM  
**Subject:** Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

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Sincerely,

Davina Smith  
505 S. Dixon  
Carbondale, IL 62901

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**From:** Dick Kraus/Pat Fiero  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 1, 2003 12:43 PM  
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Dear FCC Commissioners: Please do not eliminate governmental restrictions on the number of media outlets that one company can own. It is important for democracy, for the preservation of free speech and for the respect for the diversity of the people of our nation not to allow outlets to be gobbled up by media giants who may only be interested in the commercial aspects of the media. Small is good, independent is good. Let's not become a nation of uni-brands. Thank you for your consideration. Patricia G. Fiero, 21 Clamshell Cove Road, Cotuit, MA 02635.