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From: Brad Thacker
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 12:05 AM
Subject: Dereguation of the media

To the FCC commissioners:

I am writing to express my concern about the continuing deregulation of the mass media in the United States. Since the passage of the Federal Communications Act of 1996, the United States has seen an unprecedented consolidation of the media into a handful of large corporations. Over 80% of all the media outlets in this country are now owned by less than ten companies, and this consolidation threatens the very lifeblood of our democracy - diversity of opinion. I am terribly concerned that the centralization of radio, television, and newspapers across the country in the hands of giant corporations leaves no room for community input, and marginalizes the voices of those whose perspectives differ from the mainstream. The FCC has an obligation to ensure all Americans have a voice in our society so that we citizens get the widest possible range of viewpoints. The consolidation of radio has consumed many stations that once gave voice to local communities. And now the consolidation of television and print into the hands of GE, Time Warner, Disney, Fox, and a few others, threatens to give monolithic control to the corporate viewpoint.

While I believe corporations have the right to own media and present their message to the American public, it is irresponsible and dangerous to have that be the sole voice of our society. We need a diversity of sources at the local as well as national level to ensure a healthy democracy. Please do not deregulation the few controls we have left over this juggernaut.

Sincerely,

Brad Thacker
Lakewood, CO

From: Carol Ann Goldstein
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, hollings@senate.gov, boxer@senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 12:33 AM
Subject: Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

4-28-2003

Senator John McCain, Senator Fritz Hollings,
Senator Barbara Boxer, FCC Chairman Michael Powell,
FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin,
FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

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.
Thank you,
Carol Ann Goldstein
San Diego, California

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From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAQUINN
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 1:33 AM
Subject: Fwd: Protect Children's Television!

From: Heidi Nebel
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:08 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

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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. Please oppose media deregulation. Thanks for your time. Sincerely, Ms Henrietta Fox Nebel

Karma Vipaka = action result

Know Thyself -Socrates

What we are today comes from our thoughts of yesterday, and our present thoughts build our life of tomorrow. Our life is the creation of our mind. -Buddha

"That which you truly wish for yourself, wish for everyone, and know that what you wish for others you are wishing for yourselves."-- Emmet Fox

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From: Cassandra Thomas
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:27 AM
Subject: Don't allow monopoly of media channels

Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Thomas
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San Francisco, CA 94122

From: Carol Hajos
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:27 AM
Subject: FCC promote media diversity

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carol Hajos
9711 East Baker Street
Tucson, AZ 85748

From: Pat Hinkley
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 9:32 AM
Subject: FCC deregulation

Dear Mr. Powell,

At a time when our media is in need of greater balance and fairness in reporting news to the American public, the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee is preparing to hold crucial hearings on the proposed FCC deregulation.

Please help the American people to have access to a fair and accurate reporting of the news of the world. Oppose FCC deregulation, for we cannot afford to have something so powerful as the media controlled by only a few one-sided corporations. This is so crucial to having informed citizens that help a democracy to work.

Thank you for taking a stand against deregulation!

Sincerely,
Patricia Hinkley
Redding CT

From: vannesc@charlottenet.org
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 9:34 AM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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cc:
Senator Carl Levin
Representative Nick Smith
Senator Debbie Stabenow

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Sincerely,

Victor Smith
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Red Rock, Texas 78662

cc:
Senator Kay Hutchison
Representative Ron Paul
Senator John Cornyn

From: Patricia A. Kaine
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 10:17 AM
Subject: FCC's responsibility

Mr. Powell,

In the past, the FCC's responsibility was to keep sex, violence and obscene language off the airways.

What is the function of the FCC today?

If there is no function, why are we taxpayers paying to keep the Commission?

In these stress-filled times, it would be wonderful to have a return of the 'I Love Lucy', 'Little House on the Prairie', 'The Walton's', etc. type of television.

By nixing programs with inappropriate content, there would be a greater likelihood this would happen.

Have a TERRIFIC day!

Dr. Patricia Kaine MD

<http://hundred-acre-woods.com/magic-list/DocsDailyChuckle>

From: candia@igc.org
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 10:34 AM
Subject: Media deregulation

I am writing to register my strong opposition to further deregulation of the broadcast media. We are already suffering from a dearth of voices that represent the full range of opinion in this country on international and domestic issues of great importance and urgency. Allowing further consolidation through deregulation will further undermine democratic discourse in the United States.

Kay Loveland
Bethesda, Maryland

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From: SUSAN BRONN
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 10:36 AM
Subject: Deregulation

Dear Chairman Powell: I am opposed to further deregulation of the media which would allow a single corporation to dominate local TV markets, radio stations, and newspapers. Deregulation and concentration of control of the media is an attack on the democratic values of this country. I expect your commission to uphold the basic values of this country. Respectfully, Susan Bronn, PMB #270, 716 N. Ventura Road, Oxnard, California 93036.

From: SUSAN BRONN
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 10:49 AM
Subject: Deregulation

Dear Commissioners: I am opposed to F.C.C. de-regulation which would further concentrate the media. Deregulation would allow a single corporation to dominate local TV markets, radio stations, and newspapers, and allow that corporation to control more than 35% of the nation's television. Deregulation is an attack on the democratic values of the United States. The public would be unable to hear a diversity of opinions and this would weaken our democracy. I urge you to uphold the values on which this nation was founded and stop the push for deregulation. Respectfully, Susan Bronn, PMB# 270, 716 N. Ventura Road, Oxnard, California 93036

From: Edward Coleman
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 10:50 AM
Subject: Media Ownership Regulations

To the Commisioners of the FCC,

I believe that it is a grave mistake to change the current FCC regulations prohibiting the ownership of tv and newspaper within the same market. Obviously I cannot change the minds of you people with one email, most of you have made up your minds already concerning the decision, and a few of you were probably appointed because you wanted to make this change. It is an awful, awful thing to do to our society. A free media is the hallmark of our democracy. When I hear about other countries and their state run media I shudder at the thought of living in such a place. Is it any better, however, to live in a country where all the news media is filtered through the hands of a few ultra-wealthy elite? Is there much difference? It will affect the quality and objectivity in our news if you allow single giant conglomerate corporations to own all the news outlets it wishes. There may be an infinite amount of "news" content available on the internet but the vast majority of Americans still get their news from newspapers and television. I don't believe that AOL or Viacom will become some evil tyrannical group that would use thier news outlets to distribute disinformation to the people of America. However, I believe that the strength of American ideals, American values and grassroots political and social movements has a direct connection to the free and independent press. It may make alot of people very wealthy, it may even make some of you people wealthy, I don't know, but loosening regulations on companies even further seems like an idiotic notion right now. Companies have been proving with alarming frequency that they should not be trusted, and here you are, ready to hand over one of America's greatest institutions. Finally, I would like to remind you all that none of you are elected officials. You were all appointed and therefore should not be making decisions that will effect all Americans without taking our views into account. The rich media owners who are lining the pockets of the people who appointed you have everything to gain, with every other American standing to lose. It is hard for me to accept that non-elected officials can sit on a board and destroy a little piece of America's free press, but I believe that as Americans, you will understand the gravity and historical implications of your decision. Please, please, please, do not make a decision that will hurt America's press for the benefit of the very few, very powerful people who have more then just email at their disposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: dr6256@albany.edu
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 11:13 AM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

Denise Rubio
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cc:
Senator Charles Schumer
Representative John Sweeney
Senator Hillary Clinton

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Joe Spiers
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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Sam Farr

From: Cora Sangree & Teresa Calabrese
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 12:19 PM
Subject: Deregulation

Dear Chairman Powell,

As an American citizen I am very concerned about the proposed deregulation rules. This deregulation would make it almost impossible for small, independent news agencies to survive. In order for a democracy to work, a variety of views and a wealth of news must be available. Without this, we will cease to be a "free" country with a "free" press, and all that is truly great about America will be lost. Therefore, I urge you not pass the deregulation.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours,
Mary Cora Sangree

From: Ron Horwitz
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 12:31 PM
Subject: Media Cross-ownership

Dear Chairman Powell

I know you are a man of principle and character and that you care about protecting the democratic principles of our great nation. I therefore, call upon you to postpone or cancel your plan to drop the Media Cross-ownership rules. I can't think of a more pressing issue confronting our nation at this point in time. A healthy democracy needs to have a strong and active media community that offers a wide range of thought and information. There has been a disturbing consolidation of the media under the rules as they currently stand with Clear Channel owning over 1200 radio stations in the nation and Rupert Murdoch a significant amount of the world wide media. Further erosion of media diversity poses a grave and dire threat to the the range and types of information that is filtered through to the general public.

Thank you,

C. Horwitz

From: sguy85@hotmail.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2003 1:11 PM
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Senator Kay Hutchison
Representative Kevin Brady
Senator John Cornyn

From: maryellen@parentwiseinc.com
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Senator Arlen Specter
Senator Rick Santorum
Representative Tim Murphy

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Representative Julia Carson

From: tyeatts@pair.com
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Representative Chris Van Hollen