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**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:** Heather Sturgill  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 12:58 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Heather Sturgill (teagan@iac.net) writes:

I sent the following message to the president, vice-president, my senators, congressman, your fellow commissioners, and the chairman. -- I am writing to express my opinion that you should try to stop Michael Powell, Chairman of the FCC, from allowing media ownership consolidation. There are several reasons that range from the protection of differing speech and information, to straight economics. I don't think you will listen to reasons having to do with encouraging freedom of speech and information, so I will concentrate on the economic reasons. Several studies presented in Journalism.org ([www.journalism.org](http://www.journalism.org)), Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting ([www.fair.org](http://www.fair.org)), Salon media coverage ([archive.salon.com/media](http://archive.salon.com/media)), and ([www.inthesetimes.com](http://www.inthesetimes.com)) present how consolidation of the radio stations from deregulations in the 90's has driven up advertising rates 90%. Our country's current economy is driven by sales. Companies achieve sales by advertising. This leads to higher expenses. Many companies that are currently on the borderline of fiscal collapse won't be able to accommodate this increased expense which will result in a downward spiral of less advertising, leading to less sales, leading to further fiscal distress, etc. leading to more corporate bankruptcy and company closures and layoffs.

Since it has already been proven that media consolidation has lead to higher advertising costs to non-media corporations (service industry, retail industry, transportation industry, etc.), and this would be a bad thing for the US economy at large, you should stop Michael Powell, Chairman of the FCC, from allowing any further consolidation of the media industry!

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Heather Sturgill

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**From:** sguy85@hotmail.com  
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**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 1:11 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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**From:** Eileen Newman  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 1:23 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Regulation

Hi!

Please keep the regulations strong in monopolies in the communications field. I do not want all my information from one source....

- Eileen Newman

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"To meet hate with retaliatory hate would do nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Hate begets hate; violence begets violence; toughness begets a greater toughness. We must meet the forces of hate with the power of love..." - Martin Luther King

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**From:** Eleanor Kirby  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 1:40 PM  
**Subject:** June 03 Meeting Agenda

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am very concerned about the effect of having a few corporate conglomerates control the media.

Democracy is dependent upon having information and intelligent debate on the issues that effect our lives, country, and world.

As stated by a previous Chairman of the FCC, "Television is a vast wasteland." Well, today, it is a much vaster wasteland, as the average channel surfer will tell you. So many channels available yet so little choice

Corporate conglomerates do not serve democracy. They are motivated by a desire for profit. Empowering a few--by giving them access to all our media outlets--is disasterous. It is ominous to me, that these conglomerates do not merely have an interest in communication, but are involved in diverse commercial pursuits that present a conflict of interest in presenting unbiased and uncensored information. If we are serious in our pursuit of maintaining a well informed, thoughtful democracy, this situation needs correction now.

I hope that you take you take your role as Chairman of the FCC as a sacred duty. You will someday be a historical figure. You will be remembered by the pivotal decisions you make now.

Chairman Powel, if I am unduly alarmed at what I perceive as an attack on the underpinnings of democracy--from within our government--please inform me that this is not the case, and present me with the facts that support that the FCC is watching over the public's interests.

Sincerely, Eleanor Kirby

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**From:** jbendsen@indplsul.org  
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**From:** David P. Ysais  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 2:05 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

David P. Ysais (dysaisknx@yahoo.com) writes:

April 29, 2003

Federal Communications Commission  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

The changing environment of the news media industry has not been lost on the members of my organization. I am president of the National Broadcast Association for Community Affairs (NBACA), and it is a national group of community service and public affairs professionals from television, radio and cable outlets throughout the country. We also include Partner members, who are representatives of non-profit, educational and government entities whose mission is to serve the public. Through the recent media consolidation trend, our organization has been hit hard as far as membership. When I joined there were 400 members, now we are probably at about 250. But those that remain are survivors and are committed to the task of using the public airwaves to benefit listeners and viewers across the country. Right now, though we need a pep talk. We need to hear from someone who feels that public affairs is not some dinosaur programming waiting to be sold. NBACA members always have looked for ! the support and guidance of the

FCC in playing their role as the "conscience" of media outlets. In the little time devoted to community service, we have raised millions of dollars, we have raised awareness on any number of health issues, we have provided a clear spotlight on elections, we have placed important non-profit messages on the air and yes, we have saved lives through outreach. No one can tell me that work is going out of style.

Between June 8-10, NBACA members are gathering in Washington DC to determine the course of our organization, to view new public service announcements, to study the latest outreach efforts and to understand the latest rules disseminated by the FCC. We would to request that sometime during those three days, you could join us for a short speech. We need to be inspired. We need to be told about what the future might hold. We need to be encouraged. We need to feel that what we are doing is important. We need you to help us Commissioner Adelstein.

I am sure your schedule is extremely crowded, but I hope you some time during those three days to speak at one of our sessions. We can be flexible on the time. Our headquarters will be the JW Marriott right across from the Ronald Reagan International Trade Building. Our invite comes at the direction of Mr. Roy Stewart in the media bureau who believes you would be an excellent addition to our conference. Our events are being held in conjunction with the NAB Service to America Summit. We'd love to hear you speak about *media ownership and how it has affected public service*, but any subject would interest our members. I hope you have some time to devote to an organization with members who have performed miracles in their communities. It is frustrating for me to watch companies do away with serious community service, but it is needed now more than ever. I thank you in advance for your consideration and your time.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Blribware@aol.com  
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**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 3:21 PM  
**Subject:** Married in America

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I respectfully ask you to review the dialog that was on and imagine the pictures that were shown on Married in America April 7, 2003. Would you read the definitions of indecent and indecent exposure? Would you please justify any part of that as decent? Please address this issue before too many kids get influenced by this behavior on their "entertainment school." To spark an entrepreneur in the younger set, maybe whip cream booths can be set up for prom nights. A banner could thank the FCC and Married by America.

I can't think that people died for this kind of "freedom."

indecent: (adj.) not decent; especially : grossly unseemly or offensive to manners or morals  
indecent exposure: (n) intentional exposure of part of one's body (as the genitals) in a place where such exposure is likely to be an offense against the generally accepted standards of decency

Here's just some of what TV viewers, young and old (the show was aired at 9 PM. April 7, 2003), heard and saw:

-- Billie Jean gets up on a table and starts dancing. One of her friends stuffs some money down her skirt. Billie Jean holds some money in her teeth, and one of the girls removes the money from Billie Jean's mouth with her teeth.

-- Jill removes a garter from Billie Jean's leg with her teeth.

-- Jill is shown spanking the bottom of one of the strippers.

-- Billie Jean is shown running her hands down the torso of a male stripper. The camera pulls back a little, and viewers can see the stripper's pelvic bones (so it looks like he doesn't have anything on).

-- Jill is sitting behind a male stripper. He grabs her hand and starts to put it down the front of his shorts.

-- Jill licks whipped cream off the nipple of a male stripper.

-- Two female strippers show up at the guys' bachelor party. They are wearing see-through lace dresses and thongs, and nothing else. They are shown removing their dresses, sitting on Tony's lap and fondling him and each other. The girls are sisters. Their breasts are partially blurred, but it's obvious that they are topless. Tony says, "They did manage to take my pants and my shirt off and, uh, got me on all fours." Tony is shown on his hands and knees in his underwear. One of the topless strippers (who is only wearing a thong) spansks him with a leather belt.

-- A female stripper joins the bachelorette party. She is shown removing her dress, and kissing Billie Jean on the lips.

-- Jill is sitting astride the female stripper's lap, facing the stripper. The stripper is holding her exposed breasts in her hands. Jill starts bouncing up and down on her lap.

-- Billie Jean: "So we were having a great time with the stripper, I mean, Jill was touching her, I was touching her. I licked the whipped cream off of her, and then it was Jill's turn and all of a sudden Jill just changes her mind."

-- The stripper is shown reclined on the couch. She is wearing only a thong and is holding her breasts in her hands. She has a line of whipped cream running down her torso from her stomach to between her

breasts. Billie Jean licks the whipped cream off the woman's torso and sticks out her tongue. The stripper also sticks out her tongue.

-- Tony goes into the bathroom with one of the female strippers. She's got her dress on, but the dress ends just below her hips, exposing most of her buttocks.

-- One of the strippers pulls Kevin over to the couch. She rubs her leg against his groin and removes her dress while she's sitting on his lap. One of his friends puts an end to it. She is shown standing up in front of him topless, in just her thong and says that Kevin "chickened out."

**From:** L. Borzumato  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 3:58 PM  
**Subject:** Dereg

I'm writing as a student as well as a teacher of communication issues for the past four decades. I am especially concerned about the apparent trend toward centralization of ownership and the move toward deregulation in American media--especially in radio and television.

I hope that you will consider ameliorating this trend. I feel that we need many more voices, opinions and attitudes, not fewer.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** ken weeks  
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**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 4:19 PM  
**Subject:** docket # 01-277

Please keep the media ownership as is!!!  
Do not allow our media outlets to merge. We must diversity in the media . You know this is essential to democracy.

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Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules. In addition, the fate of democracy in the United States should be considered.

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Similarly, the American democracy was founded on the idea that every person or group were equally free to voice their opinion to the public, and that the free exchange of ideas allowed voters to select the best. This worked well when all citizens, from the poor to the powerful and wealthy shared the same soapbox in the town square. Now a few - the powerful and wealthy - dominate the political dialogue because they are the only ones who can buy air time on TV. This situation will worsen if the media are in the hands of fewer companies.

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

Sincerely,

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