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From: Carol Ann Goldstein
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 4/16/03 2:10AM
Subject: I want a halt to media conglomeration and breakup of the media giants

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Chairman Michael K. Powell,
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,
Commissioner Michael J. Copps,
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin,
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

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Thank you,
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San Diego, California

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From: Barbara Rossi
To: Mike Powell
Date: 4/16/03 9:25AM
Subject: Democracy

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Thank you, Barbara A. Rossi, Cleveland, OH

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