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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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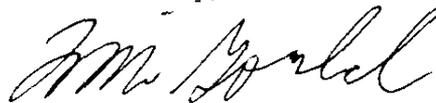
Dear Mr. Powell:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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,



Timothy Gould

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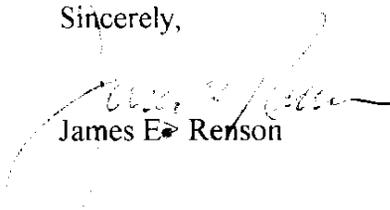
The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Commendations Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell,

It is my understanding that there is a proposal before the FCC to adopt revised broadcast ownership rules. I believe that adoption of the proposed rules would give too much power to the major conglomerates and make it difficult, if not impossible, for small independent groups or communities to make their views heard in TV, Radio and the Print media.

I vigorously oppose the proposal to relax the Broadcast Ownership Rules.

Sincerely,


James E. Renson

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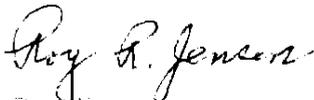
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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
408 20th Street, SW
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us American citizens. I believe it would be bad for our Democracy to allow large corporations to become media monopolies.

Sincerely,


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THE HONORABLE MICHAEL K. POWELL
CHAIRMAN
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445 12TH STREET S.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE F.C.C.
IS CONSIDERING RELAXING THE BROADCASTING
OWNERSHIP RULES THAT PREVENT MEDIA
MONOPOLIES. PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO
PREVENT THIS.

WE HAVE JUST FOUGHT A WAR TO REMOVE
A DICTATOR AND RESTORE FREEDOME
IN IRAQ. WHEN A COUNTRY LOOSES ITS
FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION; THIS IS
A FIRST STEP TO A DICTORIAL GOVERNMENT
AND LOSS OF FREE PERSONAL EXPRESSION.

ONCE AGAIN PLEASE USE YOUR POSSISION
ON THE F.C.C. TO ~~PREVENT THE~~ RELAXING
OF THESE IMPORTANT RULES.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS
Sterling W. Akins



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Sunday May 4, '03

Dear Commissioner Powell,

I strongly urge you to vote against the control of our publically owned airways by large conglomerates. These few conglomerates are motivated by profits rather than by the best interest of U.S. citizens.

Television, radio and computer have such an enormous influence on the public that the FCC should be mindful of the benefits or lack thereof to the viewers. The public media is not public when only a few huge companies decide on the programs - excluding all others.

Please, Mr Powell, don't let this country lose the benefits that allow morality, integrity, and honesty a chance for a place on the airwaves which belong to the citizenry.

Today there is so much unbridled graphic sex, violence, and raw humor that our young people are being taught that sex is a snatch and grab activity rather than a private commitment and expression of caring - that violence is as acceptable as

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walking and eating, and that humor is only a dirty joke.

Please help U.S. citizens by allowing independent companies of any size a chance to perform - a chance to buck the trend and provide music without crude lyrics, and love and affection without unclad bodies in bedroom scenes. Let us learn to be afraid of violence and see how pain and injury and death destroy freedom.

Our citizenry can gain stable human development through the media. Instead these huge conglomerates invade our airways, do our thinking and inhibit individual expression that might be provided by less materialistic companies.

Please don't give up on us. Do not let us lose our democracy by giving the publically owned airwaves to a few conglomerates.

Thank you
Sincerely
Ann Marvin



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Founded 1962

March 24, 2002

Commissioner Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Martin:

Thank you for your invitation to pro-family groups to meet with you on March 26. I regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting, but I do want to express two primary concerns, summarized as follows:

1. While the FCC sporadically enforces the broadcast indecency law against radio stations, the enforcement has been largely (perhaps, more accurately, totally) ineffective; and
2. While the FCC has on rare occasion enforced the indecency law against TV stations, it has never fined a licensee for airing TV network (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, UPN, WB) programming.

As a result, radio “shock jocks” routinely say things over the public airwaves that would shock an audience of consenting adults at a burlesque show and much of prime time network TV programming sounds and looks more and more like burlesque. One obvious problem is that a primary purpose of the broadcast indecency law is to protect children, and no morally responsible adult would argue that burlesque is suitable entertainment for children—whether the vulgarity and sex are on stage or on TV.

Since the problems are long standing and Commissioners come and go, I suspect that a part of the problem lies in the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau. For whatever reasons, the Bureau is apparently unwilling to do what is necessary to enforce the indecency law effectively or has an unduly restrictive notion of what “indecent” means—or both. Ultimately, however, it is the Commissioners who are responsible for enforcing the broadcast indecency law against both radio and TV licensees.

I would therefore suggest that the Commission conduct a hearing on the subject of broadcast indecency at which the Bureau would explain its sporadic enforcement policy against radio stations and its failure to enforce the law against network TV programming. Representatives from organizations concerned about the indecency problem and industry representatives would then be permitted to respond.

I am enclosing a considerable amount of background material, including the attached copy of the January 2003 *MIM Newsletter*, a copy my letter of June 19, 2002 to FCC Chairman Michael Powell, and a copy of a February 1998 *MIM News Release* reporting the findings of a Wirthlin opinion poll.

I would be happy to respond to any inquiries you may have in regard to broadcast indecency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Peters', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Peters
President

-----Original Message-----

From: Piccirilli, Linda [mailto:lpicciri@pd.state.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2003 12:08 PM
To: Pat McGrath
Subject: US Dept of State sponsored visitor from Senegal
Importance: High

January 30, 2003

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MIM president Robert Peters and MIM general
counsel Paul J. McGeady met with Ms. NIANG
on the morning of February 13, 2003.

Dear Mr. Peters:

The International Visitors Program of the United States Department of State is sponsoring Ms. Aminata Cisse NIANG, President of the High Council for Audiovisual Affairs from Senegal on a U.S. professional exchange program. Ms. Niang is the current president of the HCA, an independent government agency charged with monitoring fairness in the media. Established in 1998, HCA's original mandate was to guarantee equal access for all political parties - particularly those of the opposition - to the country's state-run media. With the explosion of independent radios and newspapers in the late 1990s, HCA's responsibility now extends to ensuring equal government treatment of both public and private media. This responsibility is particularly important during elections, when HCA must enforce regulations requiring equal time for all political parties and ensure that no one candidate or party receives preferential treatment.

Ms. Niang is interested in meeting with people/organizations that are working towards protecting children being exposed to too much violence and nudity on television.

Would you or an appropriate MIM representative be available to discuss MIM's work towards this end as well as offering her an overview of MIM? Ms. Niang will be available for appointments in New York on either February 12, 13 or 14th. Please find attached some biographic information and objectives concerning Ms. Niang's visit. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (212) 399-5758.

Sincerely,

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April 27, 2003
Senator Barbara Boxer
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Janet Harrison
1090 Francisco Street # 14
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mr. Copps,
Thank you for your hard work to prevent
the loosening of FCC regulations on media
ownership. Everyone appreciates your
efforts. Raise Ruckus is right !!
Keep it up - We need you.
Thank You, Janet
Harrison

Dear Senator Boxer,

I am writing to ask you to do what you can to direct the FCC to extend its
June 2 deadline and release any proposed rule changes for public debate
before acting on them. I went to the FCC hearing yesterday in San Francisco
and heard many eloquent speakers.

I am a member of AFT, Local 3267, third grade teacher in Daly City. I've
always thought that the 1996 Telecommunications Act was disastrous. It
robbed the public of our airwaves. More consolidation of the media will
continue to rob us. There are fewer stories on fewer topics. Network news
consists of sensational stories, cute poochie episodes and dumb jokes.

There is no public discourse and dialogue. More voices are needed, not more
canned programming. Fewer TV and radio stations even have state capitol
bureaus - thus little (usually zero) coverage of issues, bills, news, etc.
Local news has already shrunk and will shrink more with greater
deregulation.

Canned programming has replaced live news, live, local entertainment and the
like. It came as no surprise yesterday to hear that of 1,200 stations owned
by Clear Channel, there are only 200 human beings employed! Further
consolidation means even fewer working journalists, and less local coverage
of all issues. We already suffer a lack of labor coverage.

The Walmartification of the airwaves ensures an uninformed, uneducated
populace. We must have greater diversity. This is not about interest
groups, this is about public life and democracy. Thank you for your kind
consideration and attention. Please fight for more media diversity and stop
the consolidation of media.

Very truly yours,

Janet Harrison
Janet Harrison

cc: Diane Feinstein

cc: Jonathan Adelstein and Michael J. Copps

88 Waltham Street
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May 5, 2003



The Honorable Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you to voice my concern over your commission's upcoming vote on changes to the media ownership rules due to take place on June 2, 2003. I urge you to provide full disclosure of the changes before they are made final. The changes that your commission may enact will have a major effect on how we as a country engage in public debate.

I for one am very concerned about changes that could result in the consolidation of ownership that will cut down on the airing of diverse points of view. In my opinion, this will be detrimental to the public interest.

I strongly urge you to consider our nation's best interests, and do not allow a vote that keeps the public out of the process.

Sincerely,


Roxanne Etmekjian

for
Linda

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"Clear Channel" group
The dangers he sees from the
to me on many occasions
station and he has expressed
a friend who owns a radio
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my opposition to anything that
I would like to cover

Dear Mr. Chermak-Commissioner

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From the Desk of
Jim WMMH

May 6, 2003

Sir,

I urge you to not change the ownership
rules concerning media companies.

Frank,
John Hutchins

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May 2, 2003
Mr. Michael Coops
Chairman
Federal Communication Commission

Dear Sir:

I saw a few moments of your TV
appearance with Bill Meyers. I'm not
sure that I understood what you
said - that there is proposed a
deregulation of ownership of media?
That the rule of "no greater than
30%" may be owned by (a group, a
person?, a company???) is to be changed
I believe you used the term "deregulate".

I can only tell you that the idea
frightens me to death! In my view, too
much of the media is already owned by
one group. That group is, therefore, questioned.
I overtake more. Please tell me what
I can do!

Sincerely,
Martha E. Lea M.D.

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Dear Comm. Powell:

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A decision by the FCC, as presently contemplated, which is scheduled to come down sometime in June, bodes well to wreak a level of catastrophe that can scarcely be imagined. Much, if not all, of our cherished First Amend. rights are in dire jeopardy if you & the other Commissioners supporting this travesty, laissez faire run wild, accept the rationale of Murdoch, & a cabal of mega-media barons. The inevitable effect will be the creation of a system of information distribution calculated to cripple the electorate. Even though present levels of voter participation are the worst in the free world, what you would allow, as Murdoch & Co. petition, is a media expressing the political position on issues only of the FAR RIGHT. You & two others are Republicans. Among other things the history of your party shows its real attitude about who gets to vote (the GOP fought to the bitter end against the Voting Rights Act-1964). The same can be said for almost any legislation, the primary objective of which was to improve the human condition, even before FDR. During his tenure almost every New Deal proposal was fought, tooth & nail, esp'ly Social Security. Others against which the GOP railed were acts permitting workers to establish unions & to strike. I could go on & on. I remember Borah fulminating against FDR. Even today his name is anathema among the "good" people. I'm a lifelong reg'd Democrat, but I'm not proud of Clinton. One thing for which he deserves a heap of credit is that now Franklin is spared an awful lot of abuse.

You very likely regard me as some kind of a crank--& crazy, at that. Now, I'm going to tell you something more. It'll convince you. Bush threw down a smoke screen about going to war to save us from WMD. Once launched (the war) he played the "patriotic" theme to the hilt. AND we bought it. Once it became evident to Bush that the majority viewed the protests as hardly less than treason, it was his cue to begin dismantling many policies, some of which have been on the books for more than 30yrs. I'm sure you know about that. He down-sized policies & statutes to favor a number of large corporations, which he owed, BIG TIME: certain environmental regs. viewed as too confining, CAFE requirements deemed coercive, allowed mtn. Roads for timbering, & a variety others regarded by big corps. as inhibiting the growth of their bottom lines. To the GOP such actions are pretty much SOP because it accords with party philosophy & principles, i.e. the function of gov't is best realized proportionately to the degree the aggrandizement of the rich, the powerful & the privileged are secured.

I could rant on for pages. To no avail, no doubt. Dems are vilified in the name of CLASS warfare. It is clear to me your contemplation of allowing OUR airwaves to become the exclusive possession of a few powerful media titans is just a part of a scheme to make sure what we read hews to the orthodoxy of the CORPORATOCRACY. How about that for CLASS warfare? Oh, we have the barons figured out, but brains don't amount to much against money.

Yours truly,



J. Nolan Lewis

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Evonne La Brie

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April 29, 2003 10:06 PM

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Protect Children's Television!

Dear FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell:

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. I have three children and this is a great concern for me and my family. Children's television must be protected and reviewed. We also need more appropriate educational programming for children.

Sincerely,

Evonne La Brie



cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Diane Watson

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F. Brandt*

33 Columbia Street, Wharton, New Jersey 07885-2444

May 3, 2003

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell.

A successful democracy depends upon its citizens' ability to obtain information, and discuss the pros and cons of any situation in order to make informed decisions regarding their government. The Constitution provided for freedom of speech and freedom of the press which were the only means of public discourse at the time. Later with radio and then television, the airwaves were deemed to be owned by the public and the Federal Communications Commission was formed to protect the public's interest in how such communications media are used. In recent years, the FCC has been working in the interests of the media and not the public.

1. The FCC gave away extended airwaves which will be used for new advances in television transmission to come without charge or expecting anything in return. At the least, the FCC should have required the broadcasters to provide free broadcast time to candidates for Federal office, which would eliminate a great portion of the money that candidates are required to raise from big money and special interests. The public wants representatives free to make decisions for the good of the country and not just those they are financially beholden to. This would also help make it possible for qualified people to run who cannot afford to run under the present situation.

2. The FCC has permitted broadcasters to lower standards to the lowest possible denominator in matters of morals, speech and decency in programs that enter the homes and are available to children and people of all ages. The broadcasters claim that this is the type of entertainment that the public watches or listens to, but that is because they do not provide enough alternate programming for those who are older and/or more intelligent.

3. The FCC is seen to be in favor of allowing radio broadcasters to send recorded programs to all their affiliates including both talk and music, against the need for local, live talent in local stations who represent the people in their particular areas. Network owners of both stations and record companies will determine which music will be heard, and control any editorial comment on these programs. This also adds to the growing amount of unemployment.

4. Now the FCC, without notifying the public of its forthcoming action, is changing its rules to allow conglomerates to own more, or even all, of the radio and television stations and newspapers in any city or area. This puts the control of information and editorial content in the hands of a few influential people and negates the principle of providing the public with the broad spectrum of information that is its right to obtain. One of the persons who would benefit greatly is an Australian and not a U.S. Citizen. Should foreigners as well as Americans have such absolute control?

The FCC should disseminate to the public its proposed actions, in addition to those stated above, so that the rights and opinions of the public can be heard and influence your decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin Brandt".

Alvin Brandt

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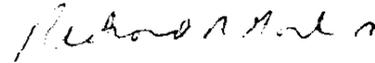
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Dear Mr. Copps,

It will be a very sad day for our country when the FCC can no longer impose ownership rules which prevent media monopolies from restricting the information that the American public receives.

Please help the FCC support democracy and freedom rather than bend to interest groups which cannot tolerate controversy in their agendas.

Thank you for your concern,



Richard R. Gartner, Jr.

Hon. Michael Mitchell
Chairman, FCC.

Washington

MAY 1, 1981

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Dear Sir:

As a veteran & retired peace officer, I have long been disappointed by the inaccurate, misleading, & unrealistic reporting by much of the local & state media; let alone the flagrant abuse by much of the national media.

The control of what we see, hear, & read, in my opinion, is nothing short of criminal & should have been curtailed long ago, rather than reach its present point.

Also, our Constitution has been undermined, & interpreted & weakened enough by politicians & the judicial system. We do not need our population to be collectively brainwashed any further by allowing a select few to control the media by having their way in the debate of Broadcast Ownership Rules.

Sincerely,
George W. Brook



Frederick Canavor
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May 5, 2003

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Chairman

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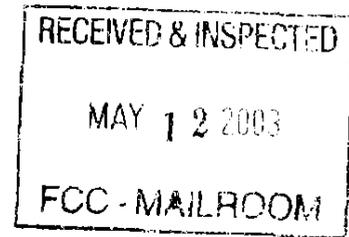
Dear Mr Powell

Can't you do something about the way
the news is slanted by so-called anchors.
It feels as if they are being controlled
by a puppet master pulling strings. I
can't help believe this is caused by
allowing giant conglomerates to practically
control all airways.

News should be news, not political
pulpit. One station should be all that
is allowed anyone or anything.

Very truly yours

Frederick C Canavor



May 1, 2003.
1004 St. James Place
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Dear Mr. Martin.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to you by Robert Peters of Morality in Media. The letter is an indictment of your total ineffectiveness in keeping filth out of television and radio, al.

Are you aware that viewing pornography is considered a mortal sin by the Catholic Church? You probably think only a small fraction of American Catholics believe that. You are wrong. Millions of Catholics no longer watch commercial TV at all because it is saturated with obscene material.

Wise up, Martin, and do the job you're being paid to do.

Sincerely,

Robert Halpin
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May 7, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell;

Please stay alert in protecting our great country against all types of sneaky tactics. I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect our citizens from media monopolies.

This attempt could allow giant media conglomerates to present one side of arguments and could hurt future elections of government officials. The environmental groups already have influenced too many celebrities who voice their opinions to American citizens endangering our national forests with fires. It is discouraging to see so many young people change their opinions just because their idols view things differently.

Those who are lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules have a track record of attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news.

The American people need to hear more than one point of view on important issues. We deserve the right to make informed decisions.

Sincerely,



Betty L. Stewart

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