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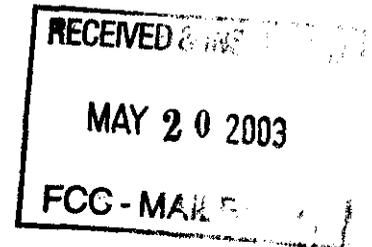
May 3, 2003

Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

We object to the lack of public input on the proposed vote at your June 2, 2003, meeting of the FCC to relax restrictions on consolidation of media ownership. Not only have there been insufficient public hearings on these unspecified proposals, as reported in the press, but the whole movement toward deregulation of broadcast TV is abhorrent to me and my wife.

Over our lifetimes, we have seen the time allotments for commercials per hour triple. In addition, the public used to have some power over a radio and/or TV station by exercising its rights to comment when its license renewal came up. Stations had to meet a minimum of hours devoted to the public interest, and a license could be denied if a station was found wanting in its children's programming, time devoted to public issues, etc. Laws had some teeth in them, and seemed to be enforced. Equal time for both sides was required when elections rolled around. If one party or candidate was given access to listeners or viewers, the opposition had to be given equal access. Station ownership was restricted, so that diverse views and political opinion could be encouraged. The premise was that the public airwaves were owned by the public, NOT corporate entities. The FCC was established and run to guarantee that the public interest was served while still allowing private control of programming, so diverse viewpoints could be expressed from which the public could then form its opinions. We commercialized the public airwaves, but required some minimum standards to restrict exploitation of public property.

The consolidation of ownership in recent years, allowed by Congress, the FCC and the courts is detrimental to democracy. We the public are inundated with ever longer, louder, and more intrusive commercials. Programming comes from an ever declining number of sources, most of which are controlled by a very restricted number of corporate producers and/or opinion shapers. Where is a diversity of views to come from if these trends continue? Cable does not provide for diversity. There may be 20 cable channels with differing identities, but they all have the same source, a single corporate entity with a single minded viewpoint or theme. The FCC must draw the line against this trend toward monopoly in the media and airwaves.

For instance, if a single corporation owns two broadcast stations and a newspaper in a single city, three news outlets may appear to be functioning, but in reality, only one management is determining what stories are aired or printed, and one management is exercising its editorial judgment. There are three entities, but only one viewpoint, perhaps even only one consolidated news gathering and editorial staff being used. The public is not being adequately served. And if the other stations in the city are equally consolidated by corporations with views similar to the first example, the public only receives a single message, erroneously implying that only one

viewpoint exists on questions of political, economic, or social importance. This is not democracy. Rather, it leans toward totalitarian thought control. Its closest parallel would be Benito Mussolini's pioneering use of government policy for corporate interests in Italy during the 1920's, otherwise known as Fascism, later copied by Hitler, with Joseph Goebbels monopolizing all sources of information, newspaper, radio, etc. This became known as propaganda.

We both demand and plead that the FCC encourage diversity, not restrict it. The FCC must fulfill its mission to act in the PUBLIC interest, not take away the public airwaves and hand them over to a few corporations who can spend the most on lobbying in Washington! Save our public airwaves for the public, not private interests!

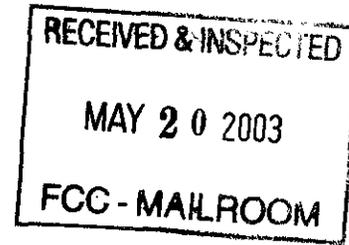
Thank you for your service and consideration of the above comments.

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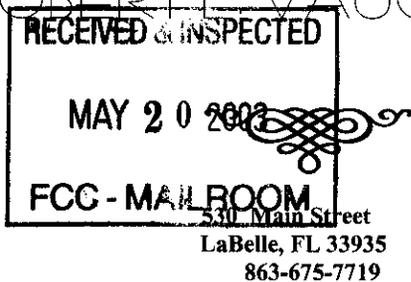
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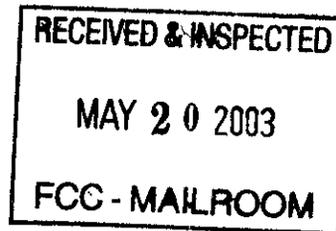
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Dear Ms. Abernathy:

The people of the United States are best served when they are kept accurately and fully informed and when they are exposed to differing points of view. The trend toward concentration of the news and information media into fewer and fewer hands is inimical those needs. The philosophical differences between media conglomerates is apt to be minimal and reflective of their common, self-serving interests and biases. This trend must not be continued. The way to preserve media diversity is to prevent media monopoly.

Please do not support this trend by further relaxing the present ownership rules.

Sincerely yours,

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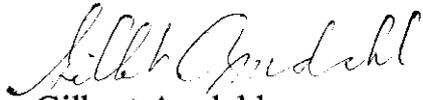
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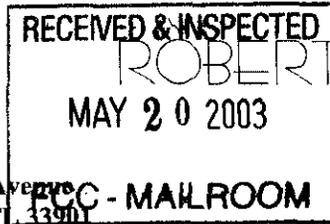
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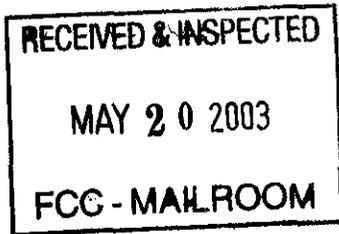
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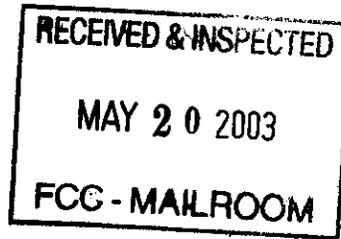


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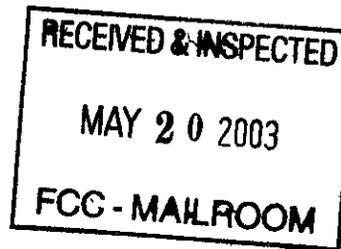
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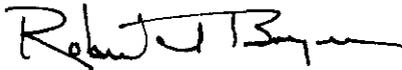
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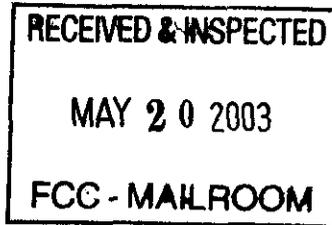
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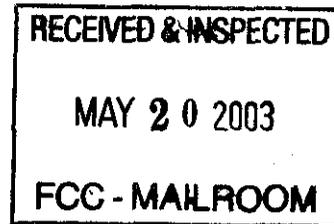
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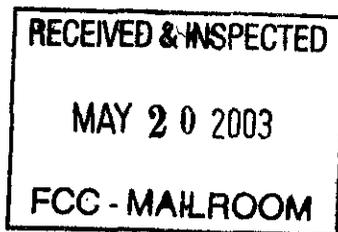
I am writing you concerning proposed changes to the broadcast ownership rules. I would like you to know how myself and others like me are alarmed at the notion that broadcast media may become monopolized by a few huge media outlets. This great nation was founded upon the principle of a free press. Local newspapers inspired colonial minutemen to take up arms in a revolt against a powerful and oppressive government. If the crown had controlled all newspaper outlets, the common colonists would have likely stayed home.

The present state of our largest broadcast media outlets has given rise to a slanted bias in favor of more liberal ideals. While these ideals may satisfy the sensibilities of large metropolitan areas, they fly in the face of a more conservative rural citizenry. It is difficult enough to find a fair and balanced approach to current affairs. If the large conglomerates control huge blocks of the broadcast media, then it is likely that they will exert their dominance by providing only the news they "see fit to print." Already there are numerous examples of large media outlets suppressing opposing ideas.

The American public has a right, and the government has an obligation, to a free press unencumbered by self serving agendas. I implore you to help preserve and protect the freedom and diversity of our press by continuing the broadcast owner protections. Please do this for the sake of our children and grandchildren, because they deserve no less than we have had. Thank you for your attention.

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Brian J. Imel
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Carol Hayman
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Re: Make Your Voice Heard on Media Diversity Before It's Too Late!

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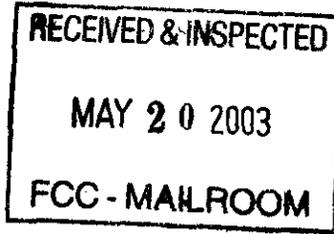
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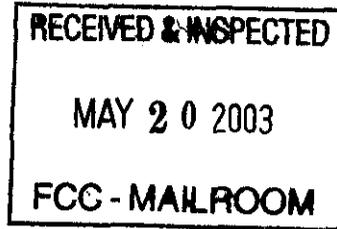
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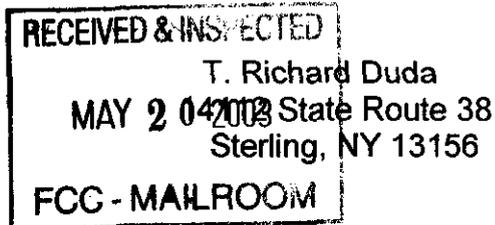
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Carol Hayman



May 13, 2003

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Ms. Abernathy:

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

These proposed changes would prepare the way for the large media conglomerates to gain too much control of radio and TV news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the media 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. I personally saw this happen several years ago. NPR radio took Cal Thomas off the air because his conservative views did not align with NPR Radio views. NPR actually said this on the air when we tuned in to hear Mr. Thomas.

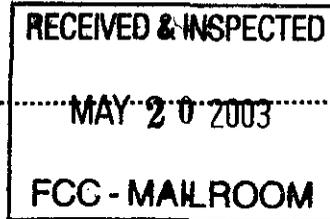
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Richard Duda

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TO: Michael Copps



FROM: Harry Fischer
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Oxford, MI 48371

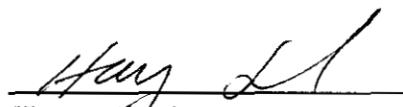
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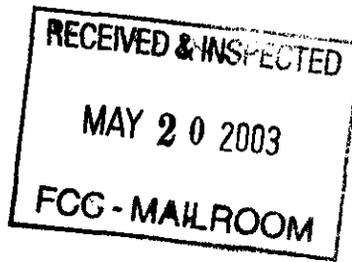
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Thank you



Harry Fischer
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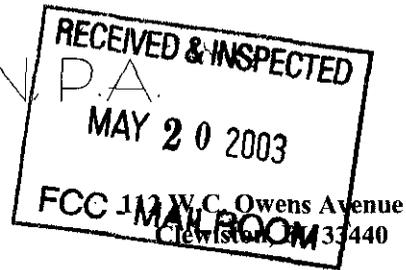
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Dear Ms. Abernathy,

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I am writing you today to express my concern over the possibility of the FCC relaxing the rules of ownership for broadcast entities. I believe it would be a mistake to relax the current rules that prohibit huge media corporations from setting up monopolies that could control the democratic flow of free information and freedom of speech that is so important to our nation. Many of these corporations that are currently knocking at your door, pushing you to make these changes have demonstrated their desire to do just that. They seek total control over what is said on issues that are of critical importance to the American people. In a democracy, no one should have such control. The American people deserve to have open forums for the free exchange of information and ideas, and not outlets that are controlled by the few, who seek to impose their own personal agendas, be they left, right or middle of the road.

I urge you not to change the rules of ownership. They were established for good reasons and deserve to be upheld and reinforced, not reduced. Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. Nickerson".

Michael F. Nickerson

James R. Moser
10103 Northeast Ave., #21
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Re: Make Your Voice Heard on Media Diversity Before It's Too Late!

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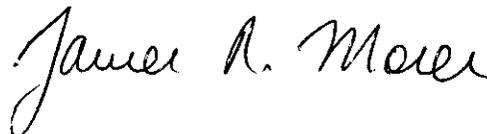
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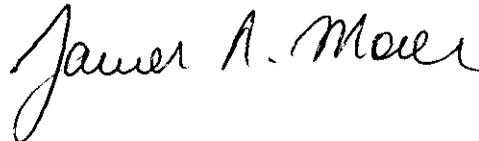
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Michael K. Powell, Chairman

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Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner

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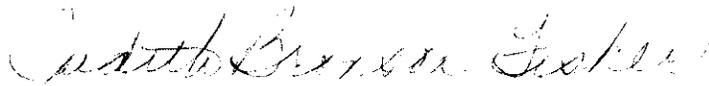
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