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**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kimweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 10:01 AM  
**Subject:** Creating monopolies

I strongly object to the stealth movements to undo the free flow of information in this once upon a time democracy. The end result of making it possible and probable that the communications system in this country by changing the rules of ownership overshadows any gain to be made.

The fact that the FCC refuses to testify or bring before congressional committees their intention to limit the scope of information available to the public is a clumsy attempt to ram through a detrimental action that will have long term drawbacks is reprehensible. If it truly is a good for the nation, then you should not be afraid to appear and answer questions, not to mention explain your reasoning to the American people.

It is catagorically unfair for 5 people to have control of the communications industry to the extent you do, and does not serve our democracy well....at all.

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**From:** W. Rex Skea  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 10:34 AM  
**Subject:** Purchase of Radio and Television broadcast stations.

From: W. Rex Skea [rskea@giccmi.com]  
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2003 10:29 AM  
To: mcopps@fcc.gov  
Subject: Purchase of Radio and Television broadcast stations

Honorable Michael J. Copps:

I am asking strenuously not to allow giant media conglomerates to grab control of an even bigger share of radio and television broadcast station.

We own a small cable television operation (less than 600 customers), our ESPN subscriber rates have risen 227% in the last five years. If the big conglomerates are allowed to purchase more television and radio broadcast stations and with the advent of digital broadcasting, the public will be forced to pay ever higher rates for viewing and listening.

Thank you for your consideration.

W. Rex Skea  
President  
Crystal Cable TV  
Crystal, MI

**From:** Strack  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 10:49 AM  
**Subject:** FCC Commissioners

Dear Chairman/Commissioners,

On June 2nd, you will take your final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation.

- If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations.
- Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by media companies that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor.
- The FCC, controlled by five unelected officials, has conducted its decision-making process with only one public hearing and very little time for the public to react.
- Many of the corporations fighting for these rule changes -- including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC -- demonstrate a strong anti-gun bias in their news coverage and programming.

Thanks for doing the right thing!

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**From:** Jerry Jones  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 11:43 AM  
**Subject:** FCC

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Jerald Jones  
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**From:** Will Hyatt  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** broadcast regulation

I have recently heard about the discussion and future possible decision to be made on allowing broadcast networks to own several markets and ultimately control all or virtually all areas of media coverage in one region. I would like to take just a minute of your time in this email to try to encourage you to consider this decision very carefully as it would give unlimited control over public opinion by the nation's large media giants. For example if it were not for area talk radio, Fox news, and cable news networks it would have been hard to tell that the US was even winning the war in Iraq. ABC and CBS many times left me wondering whose side they were on as they did not even take a stance to back our troops or even show a patriotic banner in the opening of the broadcast. Many politicians in Washington are filing lawsuits against Clear Channel Broadcasting for having a monopoly when they only own 1,200 out of 20,000+ stations across the US. It is hard for me to understand how those same people can keep silent when you are about to change federal regulation to open up more ownership to single corporations. The constitution gives citizens the right of freedom of speech and as it would not be taken by an act of legislation that right would be trampled on because of the lack of competition and domination of a handful of companies. Those companies would have full control to push whatever agenda they choose. Again please make the decision that will ensure Americans conservative or liberal freedom to choose.

**From:** fred P  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 12:19 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Regulation Proposed Changes

Hello..., just a quick note to express my alarm about the proposal to change the existing rules on media ownership. Anytime conglomerates are allowed to own all of a provided service, the less choice the public has the choose from, in this case..., it would mean the lack of difference in opinion in a broadcast area. This would give the people no chance to hear any independent thought other than those major telecommunications companies. I for one, don't want to be restricted to three or four different opinions. We have seen in the past what monopolies can do when it comes to choice, it shrinks. The present rules have worked quite well up to now, and I see no reason to change them now. Please..., donot allow fewer opinions to aired on the PUBLIC airways by enabling media giants to control what is, and what is not broadcast. Thanks for your time in this matter. Fred Patterson

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**From:** michael rahn  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 12:19 PM  
**Subject:** FCC

Please stop further pollution of the Fifth Amedment. Freedom of the press is impossible when only a handful control all.

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**From:** Josh Weigner at 019  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 12:27 PM  
**Subject:** keep the monopoly off the airwaves

Hi,

Please keep the FCC rules the same and vote "NO" for the proposed "broadcast ownership rules" June 2nd, 2003. It is unfair for Media Conglomerates to own such large portions of the National Airwaves. The rules from the FCC were put in place to prevent what will happen if the new rules are adopted.

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**From:** GSeiffer@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 1:09 PM  
**Subject:** No more big monopolies Please

Please do not allow the big media to become more powerful. let's keep them small.

Freedom of choice not monopolies

**From:** Christopher Kimsal  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 2:31 PM  
**Subject:** A citizen's concern regarding the use of the PUBLIC airwaves

To The Honorable Michael J. Copps, FCC Commissioner

I am very concerned about the vote that the FCC is scheduled to take on June 2 on whether or not to change the current "Broadcast Ownership Rules".

I believe that the proposed new rules will only result in even fewer huge corporations owning an even larger share of TV and Radio stations.

These new rules will give a tiny handful of media executives the unchallenged power to keep certain viewpoints off the air in thousands of communities across our nation. The big media conglomerates have proved in the past that they WILL use their power to keep opposing viewpoints of the air and these proposed rule changes would extend that power even further.

We need to put more independent voices on the air, not fewer.

My understanding is that the FCC has conducted its decision-making process (with regard to these new rules) with only one public hearing and very little time for the public to react.

Please - no matter what Disney or Viacom may be offering you - put your personal integrity above reproach.

Sincerely,

Christopher and Diane Kimsal

Chanhassen, Minnesota

**From:** Ann MacMillan  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 2:38 PM  
**Subject:** Opposed to De-Regulation!

Ann MacMillan  
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May 19, 2003

Commissioner Michael Copps  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, 20554

Commissioner Copps:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

I am deeply concerned that the current media merger threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ann MacMillan

**From:** John J. DiCenzo  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 2:47 PM  
**Subject:** stop network bias

Please DO NOT allow the few media companies control a larger portion of the publics airwaves. If anything more effort should be focused on forcing a broader competition amongst providers, just as was forced upon the telecommunications industry. AND the content of the PUBLIC OWNED AIRWAVES should be better regulated to ensure that a fair and balanced content is provided. Too much editorial opinion is being pushed as "news", and not being labeled as opinion, without challenging opinion from people on the other sides of the issues.  
THESE ARE OUR AIRWAVES, AND THE REASON FOR AN FCC TO BEGIN WITH.....ENSURE THAT THE ARE NOT EVEN MORE CONTROLLED BY A FEW MEDIA IDEOLOGUES!!!

Thank you,  
John & Patty DiCenzo

**From:** David Bessey  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 3:00 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Ruling

Please consider the ruling facing your great commission. The voice of the American People should be heard even if a few elite Media Giants don't like it. The true voice of the Government of the United States is the People not the advertisers or the news media. We the People should never be infringed upon, period. Please do not restrict the voice of the people by allowing too much ownership of the airwaves by the big media conglomerates like VIACOM/CBS and Disney/ABC. These two have continued to push our country further away from what our country was created to be. Our rights are God given and not granted by men. They misunderstand the foundation of truth and therefore attempt to change the truth to their views. Please vote against any expansion of their power.

Best Regards,

David A. Bessey, Technical Sergeant, United States Air Force, Retired

**From:** Annette  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 3:36 PM  
**Subject:** Please don't allow consolidation of our airwaves into the hands of a few megacorporations!

Dear Commissioners Powell, Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

I worry about our ability to hear the full truth over the airwaves if the decision is made to allow giant media conglomerates to take over an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation.

\* If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations. Huge numbers of people won't be able to voice their opinions to a national audience because a few powerful corporate entities will control the means to do that.

\* Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by media companies that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor. If the Internet had not become such an effective means of voicing free speech over the past few years, defacto censorship would have already prevailed by now because the mainstream media is mostly liberal. Don't let broadcast media come under the complete control of liberals (or conservatives!). It must remain unbiased; therefore, control of the airwaves must not be handed over to just a few. Without widespread and diverse ownership of the airwaves, America will not remain the land of the free.

\* The FCC, controlled by five unelected officials, has conducted its decision-making process with only one public hearing and very little time for the public to react. I am disturbed by this unilateral action on your part. Why are you keeping this process so hidden?

\* Many of the corporations fighting for these rule changes -- including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC -- demonstrate a strong anti-gun bias in their news coverage and programming. I wholeheartedly support the Bill of Rights and don't want to see erosion or eradication of any of those rights, including the right to keep and bear arms.

Please don't give ownership of our airwaves to a small group of the anointed few.

Sincerely,

Annette R. Hall  
Redmond, WA

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 4:34 PM  
**Subject:** TV & Radio stations

Mr. Michael J. Copps:

If the information that the FCC is going to change the current "Broadcast Ownership Rules" and allow media conglomerates to gain an even larger share of TV and radio stations and therefore stifle organizations such as the NRA, I am fervently requesting that you ABANDON THAT POSITION.

Robert Bowman  
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**From:** Jennifer Haskins  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 4:40 PM  
**Subject:** Please keep free enterprise and free speech alive

Jennifer Haskins  
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May 19, 2003

Commissioner Michael Copps  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, 20554

Commissioner Copps:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

In an effort to foster free enterprise and protect free speech please take a stand against revising legislation that would allow for the further consolidation of media control and power.

Please do not underestimate the value of mass communications and its overwhelming influential power on the public's belief system. If information is disseminated from a single source, then truth in journalism is likely to be censored to shreds by a handful of corporate board members with economic interests at heart. The public will be robbed of access to alternative opinions and discussions.

If competing media companies are eliminated and information comes from one source, then we no longer have news, we only have propaganda.

I love this country and I am grateful for all the freedom we have here. What distinguishes our evolved democracy from a fascist dictatorship is the freedom of speech, and not just the freedom to speak our minds, but the freedom to access information from multiple sources.

A single media giant will severely limit the individuals access to information and an ignorant public is a dangerous thing. Ignorance breeds intolerance, suspicion, and hatred. Ideas for social progress will never be heard unless they compliment the corporation's interests.

Public radio and small independent media and communication companies do not have access to the sophisticated technology necessary to reach a considerable audience. Smaller competition may exist on paper, but they will be not have the financial means to penetrate substantial markets.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Haskins

**From:** mccollum  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 5:43 PM  
**Subject:** Thank you for standing strong for the people

Commissioner Michael Copps,

Please, please continue to preserve our air waves for the people.  
Media spin is already intolerable. If all media are controlled  
by a few giants, the people will surely be in the dark.

Please continue to be strong **AGAINST** media monopolies.

Joanne McCollum  
5382 Avon St.  
Ventura, CA 93003

**From:** Allan Harvey  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 6:06 PM  
**Subject:** Our democracy in trouble

Dear commissioner:

Why are we not getting town meetings on the new deregulations allowing fewer corporations to own more media. The American people should get a chance to reflect about what is going on?

We already are victims of conglomerates such as, Viacom, Disney, AOL Times Warner, General Electric, Clear Channels's versions of what they consider news . By narrowing the field further is dangerous. The news we are getting is entirely different from what the other countries are getting. Even CNN is smart enough not to send the news they give us here to Europe. Those countries would not accept such nonsense and would give up CNN . Therefore its revenues would decline. How shameful it is to be treated like this.

We need a real town meeting on this throughout the US. Give us less centralized corporate ownership of the media not more. After all do not the air waves belong to the people and not the corporations?

**From:** Nikhil Lucas Kamat  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 7:58 PM  
**Subject:** NO increase in market share

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

I do NOT want the FCC to increase the possible market share any one company can control in any market. This is a monopolistic tendency which will lead to a decrease in available diverse opinions and sources of information. I already watch mainly PBS and listen to public radion supplemented with occasional watching or listening to networks. If the FCC does proceed and increase the amount of saturation any one company can have in any one market, I will most likely forgo any of those limited options entirely and encourage others to do the same. Media outlets whether television, radio, newspaper, phone or internet need to be separate and I would suggest limiting saturation to 25% of the market rather than the current 35% limit. Most of the concerns that companies supporting this increase can probably be handled by agreements between such companies rather than mergers and the like. I write this as a concerned US citizen and stockholder in one of the major media companies in the world. I am AGAINST any increase in possible market share for any one company.

Sincerely,  
Nikhil Lucas Kamat  
Albuquerque, NM

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**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Larry & Celeste Pollack  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 8:05 PM  
**Subject:** vote no

Commissioner Michael Copps

Michael,

I urge you to vote against the rule changes for the Broadcast Ownership Rules. We do not need corporate giants controlling the media and our views.

Thanks You  
Larry Pollack  
National Director TNUSA

**From:** dablues  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 9:47 PM  
**Subject:** On June 2nd, the FCC will take its final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownersh

Please read about our sentiment regarding proposed FCC changes: thank you:

- If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations.
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**From:** Kathleen K. Shepherd  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 10:02 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC regulations

Dear Commissioner Copps,  
I am writing to let you know that I stongly oppose changing regulations that *limit the extent of corporate ownership of the media*. Ownership of local media by national and international corporations will reduce their independence and service to local communities.

Sincerely,

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**From:** FinalCutTV@aol.com  
**To:** Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 10:34 PM  
**Subject:** consolidation

Dear FCC Commissioners:

As a 20-year member of the television and video industry, I am strongly opposed to further relaxing media ownership rules. To do so would be to continue to limit diversity of opinion on television and radio. You are supposed to protect the interests of the American people, not huge media corporations.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Bonnie Meyer  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 11:29 PM  
**Subject:** Docket # 02-277

As a person who listens to talk radio most of the day I urge you to not change the rules regarding ownership of the media.

I listen while doing other chores and change stations frequently to get different views. I do have the internet, but sitting down and accessing information is something I do when I want to get more detailed facts. I can't listen to radio stations through the internet when I am working outside taking a walk or working in a room other than the room where my computer is. Letting fewer companies own more stations would cut down on the variety of views available.

I also read 3 newspapers. I believe that letting companies own both TV stations and newspapers would make it harder for me to get different points of view.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Eric Lynch  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC FCCINFO  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:57 PM  
**Subject:** Deregulation meeting

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to ask that you postpone the upcoming meeting concerning relaxing many of the FCC regulations on ownership of multiple media outlets by single entities. To relax these rules would be to allow a handful of extremely powerful individuals and corporations to control the vast majority of the public's sources of information. It's criminal to even consider allowing the power over what the public sees and hears to fall into the hands of a few extremely wealthy entities with major conflicts of interest. The reliability of our information is absolutely dependent on the ability to get that information from as many sources as possible. We all know that nobody is completely without bias; therefore, to ensure that ALL sides of an issue are heard, we must have a very large number of independently operated sources.

One of the main arguments for relaxing these regulations, such as the rule on a newspaper owning a television station in the same city, is that cable and satellite TV and the Internet provide a huge number of independent information sources that didn't exist at the time these rules were written. I argue that while that may be the case, those sources do not reach most of the American public. Most Americans may look to the Internet for supplementary news, but they still look to the major network TV stations and to the major newspapers as sources of absolute truth. The Internet will never (at least not in the next 50 years) have the same credibility with the American people as network television does now.

And even if the alternate media sources mentioned above are able to penetrate the market significantly, providing the extra information sources to allow the proposed deregulation, these alternate sources will very soon come under the ownership and control of a few wealthy, powerful concerns. The largest corporations in America simply have too much money and power to be kept from engulfing those independent sources and assimilating them. It is in these corporations' worst possible interests to allow the American public to think for itself, and the public is all too willing to allow others to do the thinking for them. With so much money at stake, these corporations cannot be trusted to present complete and objective information.

So I ask you, please consider the immense ramifications of this kind of deregulation. To maintain a free society, freedom of information is an absolute necessity. Freedom of information cannot exist when the few control what information is presented.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** krath@lmi.net  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:57 PM  
**Subject:** Don't allow big media to get even bigger

Dear Mr. Copps:

On June 2, you will vote on a proposal to allow the same company to own newspapers, and television and radio stations in local communities. This multiple ownership will create a monopoly of information that threatens a diverse, independent, and competitive media. The concentration of ownership is not in the interest of an informed citizenry necessary in a democratic society.

I urge you to support democracy by voting against this proposed rule. Don't allow big media to get even bigger.

Sincerely,  
Karen Rath  
Oakland, CA

**From:** curiousr@attbi.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:57 PM  
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Sincerely,  
shelley brown  
los angeles, CA

**From:** Laurie Steelink/ William Beccio  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:58 PM  
**Subject:** media monopolies

Dear Sir,

While it is abundantly clear that the current administration would like as much influence over the media as possible, and is doing everything in its power to give its corporate friends an ever-increasing share of the GDP at the expense of the working class- Please remember that the airwaves belong to the people!

Any further deregulation that will allow fewer and fewer corporate entities to control more and more of broadcasting will not serve the people. Independent news media are endangered as it is. You do not have guarantee their extinction.

Thank you for your consideration,  
William Beccio  
Venice, CA

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** psg206@hotmail.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:59 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Pat Garrigan  
Elizabethtown, PA

**From:** erikaiwillhite@hotmail.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:59 PM  
**Subject:** Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc: my members of Congress

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

Sincerely,

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**From:** jamesmnordlund@yahoo.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:59 PM  
**Subject:** Don't allow big media to get even bigger

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I urge you to support democracy by voting against this proposed rule. Don't allow big media to get even bigger.

Sincerely,  
James M Nordlund  
Stockton, KS

**From:** Baxter family  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:00 PM  
**Subject:** Comment: Media consolidation

Hi.

I wanted to provide comment on media consolidation to you over the phone, but then found out the only way I could comment on Monday's hearing was on your comment page. I found it impossible to access (just wouldn't come up) so I thought I'd email you directly.

First I want to point out that the majority of media consumers don't have computers, and are excluded de facto from this process. That is regrettable. In a democracy, debate is a healthy thing. ALL voices should be heard.

Now, to the point. I believe there is already way too much corporate ownership of our media. As a result, we do not have the same access to unfiltered news as we used to. To put our free press on the auction block is to hand over control of the media to the wealthy. In short, the airways will no longer belong to the people.

My dad was an installer for AT&T and BELL TEL in the 50s and 60s. A WWII vet, he was so proud of his company, and his role in the communications of a free society. He would often school us about the heroes at the FCC, telling us that you people were the protectors of the public airways.

Please don't let him down. At least give this monumental issue more time, more thought, and for God's sake, more public scrutiny.

Thank you.

Susan Baxter  
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Notre Dame, IN

**CC:** senator@bayh.senate.gov, Senator\_Lugar@lugar.senate.gov

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**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:54 PM  
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cc: my members of Congress

I STRONGLY urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

Sincerely,  
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