

From: thomas maxey
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 10:28 AM
Subject: Change

M. Copps
On June 2nd, the FCC will take its 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. Is this true, if it is I don't think you should approve this change in the rules.
yours truly
tom e. maxey

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CC: tom_e_maxey@yahoo.com

From: KF4WZJ@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 10:34 AM
Subject: MONOPLIES

Sir.

I would appreciate if you voted against anymore monopolies in the radio & television industry.

Charles A. Henderson

From: Parlay10x@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 10:56 AM
Subject: No Subject

DO NOT ALLOW THE MONOPOLY!

From: John Hill
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 11:12 AM
Subject: Vote No

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John Hill

From: Brian Shell
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 11:35 AM
Subject: I need your attention.

The Honorable, Michael J. Cooper

On June second please do not vote in favor of changing the Broadcast Ownership Rules. It is important that all viewpoints be allowed to be heard through the powerful medium you control. If anything that needs to change is the slanderous attacks that clog the communications between candidates.
Concerned Citizen and NRA member!
Thanks for your consideration,
Brian Shell - bshell@columbus.rr.com

From: Morton Zablotsky
To: Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 12:00 PM
Subject: Do not allow monopoly

Please do not permit large communication companies to devour smaller companies. Such a concentration of power in the hands of a few corporations will limit the free expression of individuals and interest groups.

I urge you to decentralize the ability of companies rather than consolidate into a few with the power to skew public thinking.

Respectfully,
Morton Zablotsky
Boynton Beach, FL

From: Leland Hosford
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 12:12 PM
Subject: FCC Regulations vote June 2nd

To: FCC Chairman Michael Powell (cc: FCC commissioners, President Bush, Iowa congressional delegation),

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am becoming increasingly disturbed as I read in the press about the proposed rules changes that the FCC is rushing to a vote on June 2nd without any period for public comment. In the first place, I sincerely question whether the FCC can legally make such changes without public comment. If you proceed without public comment it will most likely leave the new rules subject to challenge and modification by the courts. In the second place, I think it is a very bad idea to change things so that there is certain to be significantly less local control of the communications media and more control by multinational corporations that care nothing about local news or local community standards. Your proposed rules will ultimately destroy the liberty that our nation has long enjoyed and that is something I care about very deeply. I would strongly encourage the President and Congress to overrule you on this. And, if you proceed with your rule changes, I will strongly encourage them to replace you at the earliest opportunity with someone who will care more about this nation's communications consumers than they do about the multinational corporations that lust after the power to control every bit of information we receive.

Please reconsider and allow a reasonable period for public comment to these appalling and ill-conceived rules changes that have been proposed.

Sincerely,
Leland Hosford
3716 Fir Tree Dr NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402-1808

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Chuck Grassley, Tom Harkin, James Leach

From: Ratcityburn@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 12:22 PM
Subject: Please dont change.

Hello, Please do not change the FCC rules to allow only Giant Media Conglomerates to air on TV to voice there views. This is America, we need all people to have there say. Not just a select few.

Michael Emerson
10456 7th AVE SW
Seattle, Wash
98146

From: Gary McNabb
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 12:23 PM
Subject: thanks

Commissioner Copps,

Thank you for your vigilance regarding the sweeping changes about to be wrought by the media-consolidation vote.

Please keep up your wonderful efforts.

In gratitude,

Gary McNabb

From: Robert Welsh
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 12:33 PM
Subject: One American citizen asks for fairness

Greetings:

I am a 44 year old police officer who has been in law enforcement for most of my adult life. My father was a Navy UDT (Underwater Demolition Team) and a Chief gunner's mate in the US Navy. I grew up with firearms and from my 10th birthday had the responsibility of understanding the danger and the importance of firearms. No police officer in their right mind will tell you they can protect each and every citizen in their jurisdiction. It is the right AND responsibility for each citizen to defend his or her own life and the lives (and property) of their loved ones.

Any honest reading of the Bill of Rights makes it clear that the founders of this great nation intended for certain rights to be set in stone. The Constitution is not a soft and yielding document; something to be twisted and distorted by political necessity or "correctness". It promises, no, it absolutely demands that each citizen be protected from the whims of sociological change, custom or political expedience.

I understand how many in the Federal government can lose sight of that. You are insulated to a certain point. I read the other day that a Senator hired an armed body guard, yet that same Senator wants to deny the right of personal protection to the rest of us....dare I say it...serfs and vassals.

How, may I ask, do we protect the other nine original Bill of Rights if we allow some to gut and eradicate the Second?

I see how that Fox News is tearing the other cable news sources to pieces. Why? Because they actually believe in their "fair and balanced" moniker. It is my hope, no, my prayer that the FCC does also.

Do not support the "fairness doctrine". It will not accomplish "fairness". It will, in effect, muzzle TV and Radio by forcing an impossible standard on stations who truly believe in freedom.

Do not support the proposed changes in the "Broadcast Ownership Rules". You will only allow a much smaller group of people to forcefully impose their sociological, cultural and political opinions.

I would hope that the FCC would encourage more people to be involved in the broadcast profession, rather than fewer. This is, after all, a representative republic which values the opinions of "we the people".

It was the firearm that won our Independence from England. It was the firearm that put down Nazi oppression. It is the firearm that protects the mother and children when the father is out of town and some criminal kicks in their door (with, I might add, the police response time at 10-30 minutes or more in many cities). Firearms are used in self defense (or the defense of others) over 2 million times each year.

I respect your positions and your opinions. I hope you do the same for me.

Robert W. Welsh
Police Officer, University Instructor, firearms owner and free American
Warrensburg, MO

From: RBdustin1@cs.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 1:00 PM
Subject: Monopoly

Please do not support any type of media monopoly

From: THOMAS J FRITZKY
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 1:08 PM
Subject: Takeover of the networks

Dear sir please stop the takeover of the networks by the bias monopolies. The have much to much influence over the public now.

Sincerely
Tom and Roe Fritzky

From: wc.line@excite.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 1:11 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes

I am writing to follow up my earlier plea to the FCC not to change its rules in a way that would allow major media companies to monopolize broadcast outlets.

As an gun-owner and NRA member, I am concerned about the anti-gun bias of the major media and the terrible effect that bias has already had in eroding our 2nd Amendment rights. But I am also concerned, given the state of the national psyche in wake of the 2000 terrorist attacks against New York and Washington, that this will not be the last of our God-given rights as free Americans to face such a challenge.

Please let us continue to have as many voices as possible whenever debate on these important issues arises.

Clark Line
Maplewood, NJ

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From: Ray Marsh
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 1:48 PM
Subject: Democracy in the balance,

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- 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.

From: Judy Smith
To: @fcc.gov
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 2:09 PM
Subject: FCC Regulation of the Public Airwaves

Dear FCC Committee Members,

I urge you to uphold the regulation of the public airwaves in the public interest and to discourage monopoly control in this industry. It is already too clear that the concentration of ownership in the television and radio broadcasting industry has compromised the public interest in encouraging the ability to access a diversity of views and fairness and accuracy in reporting the news.

We in this country have always been proud that our media does not reflect one official point of view as media have in other countries. Now we are moving more and more in that direction, when a very few individual businesses control what can be seen and heard on radio and television in this country. Judy Smith

From: Drewmat@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 2:42 PM
Subject: NO MORE RADIO MONOPOLIES

Dear Chairman Powell,

Recently I read an article about you and they said you use three Laptops and four cell phones simultaneously!! I don't think even General/Secretary of State Colin Powel can pull such marvelous deeds. But what I could gather is that you are a great guy, just as your dad and that is why I am writing to you.

I am just an ordinary guy, collecting a lot of information every day from a variety of news sources including radio and television. I heard F.C.C. is about sell the airwaves to a few multi-billion dollar corporations like Viacom and Disney so that radio stations throughout the country can dance to the same tune and rythm like the Radio City Music Hall dancers or the North Korean soldiers who march lock step!! But the problem is that our rich corporations are interested only in making money for themselves and they are not concerned ordinary folks or our freedom. They are elitist, arrogant and greedy and will do anything to make money.

Do not forget the fact that the United States is the richest country not because of a few corporations controlling the lives of everybody, but because of COMPETITION AND QUALITY which makes it possible for millions of products and services available to us. If there is no competition there would not be quality.

PLEASE DO NOT SELL OUR AIRWAVES TO A FEW MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR CORPORATIONS. THAT WILL BE TREASON. DO NOT CHANGE BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES ANY FURTHER. IN FACT THERE SHOULD BE MORE CONTROLS ON THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEDIA OUTLETS ONE CORPORATION COULD HAVE IN ONE AREA.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew J. Mathews
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drewmat@aol.com

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein,
tchandl1@nycap.rr.com

From: Glen Oberg
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, NRA.UM.A.2.802@www.nranews.org
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 3:06 PM
Subject: Your vote

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

If these rule changes are adopted, it could give a tiny handful of media executives the unchallenged power to keep viewpoints other than their own off the T.V. and radio airwaves in thousands of communities across our nation -- small towns and big cities alike.

I am very much apposed to making such changes to the current rules. Media **MUST NOT** be allowed to become **EVEN MORE BIASED** than they are today. Most of the major broadcasters have constantly utilized their power to show their own biased, liberal stance on so many important issues, and give little or no airtime to opposition views.

Regards,
Glen Oberg
128 Willow Creek Circle
Mansfield, TX 76063

From: cp
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 3:46 PM
Subject: please vote against relaxing the laws barring monopolies

why are you acting behind the backs of the american people who are overwhelmingly against this action.

From: Robert Zweifel
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 4:06 PM
Subject: uphold regulaion

we need regulation of our media for a balanced understanding of our increasingly complex world. please do not deregulate as it would be disastarous

thank you

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From: Heather E. Bruce
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 4:46 PM
Subject: FCC deregulation

Honorable members of the Federal Communications Commission:

A free and independent media can only exist when corporate monopolies are not allowed. Please understand the vital need to protect our media from corporate takeover. A democracy cannot exist without diversity of opinion and freedom of information free from the constraints of market enterprise.

Do not deregulate. Please protect freedom of the press.

Sincerely,

Heather E. Bruce
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From: Bruce Hutcheson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 5:45 PM
Subject: FCC reg. changes

Don't let the large corporations come in and take over the market. It will only push the voice of the small independent station out of business. We need the smaller independent stations.

Bruce Hutcheson
Tampa, Florida

From: GEORGE MOUDY
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 6:05 PM
Subject: changes

I am against changes in broadcast

ownership rules, we don't need media corporations snuffing out independent voices. I feel the public should be heard also.

thank you
george moudy

A VOTER

From: DonaldLDay@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, kabernet@fcc.gov, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 6:08 PM
Subject: Freedom

Please do not allow Media Giants to become even BIGGER!

It is essential that diverse ideas be distributed throughout our population so that the people can have full and complete information in order to make wise choices. It is called "FREE TO CHOOSE".

The airways must be open to even the smallest of operators.

Do not allow the the Media Giants to lock out the smaller operator.

Keep a place for opposing views.

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES!

DonaldLDay@aol.com
Don Day

From: Ed Freeh
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadelste@fcc.gov
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 7:18 PM
Subject: FCC Action

Sirs:

I strongly urge you not to relax broadcast ownership rules.

Respectfully,

Edward J. Freeh

From: Al Brown
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 7:19 PM
Subject: Thanks for your leadership

I would like to express my opposition to any relaxing of the ownership rules of the public air waves. There has been too much consolidation of wealth and power in this country since the 80's and I believe that this is a great threat to our Democracy.

I am in favor of free air time for political campaigns and reducing as much as possible the power of money over our political system.

Al Brown

From: DON RICKARD
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 7:23 PM
Subject: FCC PATH

HONORABLE MICHAEL J COPPS, COMMISSIONER

I implore you to consider the first amendment rights of the individual and not the media in your upcoming decision.

THANK YOU
DON RICKARD

CC: DON RICKARD

From: John Terrel
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 7:24 PM
Subject: No Change

Dear Honorable Michael J. Copps,

I urge a vote of not to change FCC "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and I
Thank You Very Much.

Sincerely,

John Terrel
Anthony, Kansas

From: Advantageplastic@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 8:32 PM
Subject: Don't do it!

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Tax payer and voter,
Paul McGinty

OBITUARY

We Will Miss Him

Today we mourn the passing of an old friend, by the name of Common Sense. Common Sense lived a long life but died recently in the United States. No one really knows how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness. For decades, petty rule, silly laws, and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense, He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as to know when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids) and it's okay to come in second. A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing, whole language and "new math."

His health declined when he became infected with the "If it only helps one person it's worth it" virus. In recent decades his strength proved no match for the ravages of well intentioned but overbearing regulations. He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self-seeking lawyers. His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented zero-tolerance policies.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student only worsened his condition. It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but could not inform the parent when a female student was pregnant or wanted an abortion.

Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from the Boy Scouts to professional sports.

Finally, when people, to stupid to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, was awarded a huge settlement, Common Sense threw in the towel. As the

end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed to developments regarding questionable regulations such as those for low flow toilets, rocking chairs and stepladders.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers: My Rights and Ima Whiner. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone!

From: T A Green
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 8:54 PM
Subject: changes

Dear Sirs and Madam,

As a member of the NRA, I am opposed to any "broadcast ownership rules" changes which would tend to allow liberal media to project biased opinions concerning our right to keep and bear arms.

Sincerely,
Alvin Green

CC: Michael Copps

From: jdaves
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 2:58 AM
Subject: DON'T PASS THE BILL

WE DON'T LIKE YOU PASS THE BILL ROBERT R. KOECK

From: Berkeley B. Stewart
To: Senator@boxer.senate.gov, diane.watson@mail.house.gov,
senator@feinstein.senate.gov, president@whitehouse.gov
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 1:48 PM
Subject: Letter to Commissioner Copps

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I am a just a 48 year old mother of three teenagers, but I am completely distraught about the situation with the media in this country - and much else, to be honest, but this media thing breaks my heart and makes me frightened about the world my children are growing up in.

The transmission frequencies of this country are owned by "the people" and we are, outright, plain and simple, being robbed. These huge corporations pay a PITTANCE and make billions of dollars in profit - and they have the nerve to complain it is not enough. (A revenue stream from these billions should be financing our schools and libraries.)

There is a response from a bunch of media presidents on your site in support of the "NAB" letter- whatever that is- that says, "...the NAB letter compellingly spells out the financial/economic realities that cry out for duopoly relief in small and medium markets..." The whole letter makes me want to throw-up. I am not a media lawyer, but I KNOW local TV stations, local radio stations and local newspapers were doing just fine before this belligerent economy of scale was forced down everybody's throat by growing media "conglomerates" who are ONLY interested in how much profit they can wring out - and NOT THE SLIGHTEST BIT interested in the health or well being of the people or businesses or institutions in the towns and communities whose voice they are silencing.

Our uniquely "American" way of life is, in fact, being destroyed from within, not by outsiders. We are allowing everything that was dear and uncomplicated and beautiful about America to become fodder for a wildly distorted value system that is destroying our future and destroying democracy, right in front of our stupefied faces.

Tell me, truly, why it would be better to have a transmitting "station" in my small town I grew up in(Corning, Arkansas- KCCB), transmitting completely generic programming just "tweaked" for my "market" -so the owners of that company can get richer- rather than a station operated by a local staff that broadcasts the high school football games and dorky ads for local stores and special weather for the farmers and plays song requests from kids like '19th Nervous Breakdown' for their mothers. Don't we need more jobs for people, more entrepreneurs?

PLEASE, please, raise total hell before you let these selfish, rich people (corporations) destroy America.

We need more voices, not fewer. American journalism is already being killed off by too little independence.

I am begging you.

Mrs. Berkeley Stewart
5716 Newlin Ave.

Whittier, CA 90601
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From: Softouch2004@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 1:48 PM
Subject: Balance

Good day Your Honor, and my best regards to you and your family.

We MUST not allow the "major players" in the United States media to have free access to programming and the bias that may result. As a conservative, I believe that open and free speech is a keystone of our Republic, keeping us equal, but giving the significant power of broadcasting to a handful of individuals is a bad idea. As an FCC licensed electronics engineer, broadcasting was my first love in my career, and I realize the potential political impact of an agenda at the hands of a group of people armed with the power of broadcasting. It is formidable, and please remember that fact when you make your decisions. I respect your authority and I trust you will all make choices in the best interest of us all.

God bless you all and your families, and may God bless America.

With all respects,
Jeff Conley
London, Ohio

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

From: Gerald Branch
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 1:48 PM
Subject: Concern over upcoming decision

Dear Honorable Michael J. Copps:

I am concerned over the upcoming decision you all are facing.

I would hope that you would NOT adopt the new broadcast ownership rules because I believe that would go against the very basic foundations of our country, equal rights for everyone, because if the proposed rules are adopted, the voice of the little guy is threatened to be snuffed out.

In addition, such rules would give dominance to the large media corporations, which would place the control of what is being offered in whole regions and states in the hands of just a few. Quite frankly, I do not want the giants like CBS, Disney,

Viacom, and ABC having the only voice in what I might want to watch, especially with the anti-family, anti-gun, anti-tolerance views (anti toward anything they do not agree with), which these giants support.

I want our airwaves to remain free, with the rights of even the little guy to go to the air, being fully upheld.

I would hope that you all make your decision, not under influence of the giants of media, but under the freedom our Constitution and our nation are all about. That is what has made this country the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

Thank you for hearing me.

Sincerely,

Gerald D Branch
4555 Taino
Baytown, TX 77521

From: Richard C Hayden
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 1:48 PM
Subject: Don't Do It

Dear Sir,

- 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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- 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.

If any of these are true you would not want to lend your support would you?

Sincerely,

Richard C Hayden

From: debra locklear
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 1:49 PM
Subject: public airwaves

Dear Mr. Powell,

Amendment I of the Constitution of the United States bars Congress from making laws abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press. It is the first amendment of The Bill of Rights, and I believe, the one Americans hold most dear. It has been fought for and over, quoted and misquoted, and because we can speak freely, is the basis for our democracy. What is hard to grasp is the dwindling forums available to exercise this first, and most basic, right. It is my understanding the airwaves are free, and are to be kept that way to ensure representation of all points of view. We currently have much corporate influence making it difficult to obtain any other point of view except the advertisers, much less, discern the truth. One example of corporations possessing too much influence on truth in the news was displayed in Tampa Florida, where two journalists were fired for doing their job exposing Monsanto Corporation as a polluter. If journalists are coerced or threatened to limit the content of their reports, the environment suffers, democracy suffers, and ultimately, the American people suffer. Mr. Powell, I implore the FCC to do the right thing and keep OUR airwaves free, limit the mega-corporate ownership, and ensure fair and impartial reporting keeps America and its citizens informed.

Sincerely,

Debra Locklear

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

From: Paul
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 2:05 PM
Subject: FCC Regulation Change

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Sincerely,
Paul E. Radford

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From: ro c
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 3:18 PM
Subject: Changes in FCC regulations

Dear Sirs and Madam. I am opposed to the current proposed changes in the FCC regulations. I do not believe that the current changes, which I view as more de-regulation, will help further the aims of enforcing an already sliding telecom industry which is rife with fraud, corruption, and unethical business practices. I feel this will negatively hurt the consumer overall. As witnessed with the current debacles of MCI - Worldcom, AOL - Time Warner, et al I think that the guidelines will not serve to foster ethical conduct by said companies. I feel dismayed that with the current scandals with unethical conduct in media business practices, especially with reporters willing to promote outright lies to sell a story, that this will be reflected in electronic media of all forms and types. I feel quite strongly that the current regulations should be evaluated to be made even more stringent so that there is accountability and responsibility to! the public at large. I would encourage you to hold a public quorum where a careful evaluation can be made to said changes in the regulations. I would, also, encourage you to evaluate such feedback so that careful decisions can be made to said regulations based on feedback by industry and consumer alike. This is in lieu of allowing telecom and electronic media companies to be allowed to operate rampantly without enforcement and control. This is especially true with new companies in the industry who could possibly defraud the public in general hurt the industry even more so. Thank you for your time, patience, and attention. Have a good day.

Richard OC

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