

From: Deborah Harrell
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:40 PM
Subject: Re: Proposed changes in rules of media ownership

To: FCC Commissioners
Chairman Michael K. Powell
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear Sirs and Madam,

Media conglomeration limits our exposure to the diversity of facts, opinions and information that we need, to understand the truth about our country and our world. It also puts control of information in the hands of a few very powerful people, which is undemocratic, un-American, and yes, un-patriotic.

I am excerpting from a few paragraph's in an opinion piece (hyperlink below):

"...On June 2, after deliberations conducted behind closed doors, [will be decided] the fate of media large and small, print and broadcast. No other decision made in Washington will more directly affect how you will be informed, persuaded and entertained...

"...The concentration of power political, corporate, media, cultural should be anathema to conservatives.

The diffusion of power through local control, thereby encouraging individual participation, is the essence of federalism and the greatest expression of democracy...

"...That's why I march uncomfortably alongside CodePink Women for Peace and the National Rifle Association, between liberal Olympia Snowe and conservative Ted Stevens under the banner of "localism, competition and diversity of views."..."

I urge you to delay any decision until adequate time for public comment on this important issue has been given.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Harrell, M.D.

[URL to article mentioned above:]

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/05/22/nyt.safire/index.html>

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From: C.Galin and A. Schryver
To: kaberna@fcc.gov, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:49 PM
Subject: Fw: Proposed New Regulations

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

From: C.Galin and A. Schryver
To: mpowell@fcc.gov
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 5:47 PM
Subject: Proposed New Regulations

Commissioner Powell:

I am appalled that you are considering amending FCC regulations that will give even more power to owners of media. At this time media owners need more restrictions not less!! It is increasingly difficult to read or hear news from many different sources. One of the most important aspects of a democracy is an independent media. To allow a corporation or individual to have control over more than a couple of newspapers or radio or tv outlets is in violation of Freedom of the Press and of Speech. Please reconsider!!!

Constance Galin, 3 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY 11725

From: d.jewett
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:50 PM
Subject: re:Pending Chanages in Rules

Please add my name to those citizens concerned about the impending changes which will allow communications conglomerates even more power over the PUBLIC airwaves.

For decades, I wrote for a daily newspaper about radio and TV matters. And nearly every time the FCC weakened its rules, the consumers got hurt.

David Jewett
Vancouver, WA

From: Luis Sutherlin
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:55 PM
Subject: open commission meeting

Michael Copps

I am writing in regard to the open commission meeting Monday, June 2, 2003. I am hoping the FCC will not repeal the restrictions on multiple ownership rules. By even considering the action, The FCC is putting the American public into hegemonic dangers. We are currently living with a monopolized media and repealing these restrictions can only provide a few privileged companies with more political influence and economic clout. Please reiterate my concerns during Mondays meeting.

Best regards,

Luis Sutherlin

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From: Gutierrez Eddie Civ NAG
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:04 PM
Subject: 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review Mr. Powell,

Mr. Copps,

This e-mail is to provide you input prior to your 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers. As a member of the public, I am against relaxing the rules regarding current restrictions on media companies owning television and radio stations and newspapers in a given market.

Thanks for your consideration.

Eddie Gutierrez

From: AGStires
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:09 PM
Subject: Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thankyou for your message concerning medi

The thanks goes to you, and your tireless effort to bring this issue to light. I've written lots of letters/emails. Hopefully, the vote will be pushed back.

Be well... and enjoy the weekend.

Anne Stires
Verona, NJ

> From: "Michael Copps" <MCOPPS@fcc.gov>
> Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 16:23:00 -0400
> To: <agstires@earthlink.net>
> Subject: Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thank you
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> not only for the kinds of entertainment we get from our media, but also from
> the standpoint of what it means for the news and information that sustains our
> country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with
> your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks
> for getting in touch.
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From: Marty Cusack
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:13 PM
Subject: Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thankyou for your message concerning medi

Thank you for your note. Even if it was from an auto responder it is a nice touch. Please keep diversity of opinion alive in the media by not allowing increases in the number of media outlets a single owner can own.

Marty Cusack
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> From: "Michael Copps" <MCOPPS@fcc.gov>
> Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 23:08:00 -0400
> To: <marty@blatherskite.com>
> Subject: Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thank you
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From: HMatelson@aol.com
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:18 PM
Subject: No Subject

Please maintain competition and diversity in the media - tha's what this country is supposed to be about! thank you

From: Joe Scarr
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:23 PM
Subject: PLEASE ALLOW PUBLIC DEBATE

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

I am concerned about the de-regulation that could potentially put the majority of media into the hands of the few -- this is NOT a safe way to maintain democracy and everyone knows this to be true. As a nation we will be sacrificing our freedom if this happens -- PLEASE ALLOW FURTHER PUBLIC DEBATE!

Thank-you,
Joe Scarr

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

From: David Schultz
To: Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:29 PM
Subject: 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to vote against the easing of ownership rules for radio and television stations on your June 2, 2003 meeting.

A robust and free society is best served by multiple voices debating in a public forum. To accomplish that, multiple voices must exist in terms of ownership residing in numerous hands. Your proposal to permit increased concentration of ownership will damage public debate and the forum by reducing the number of distinct owners and voices that may be heard.

I urge you to vote against easing the ownership rules in place.

Thank you.

David Schultz, Professor
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CC: Commissioner Adelstein

From: Rand, David
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:34 PM
Subject: No

Vote no Monday.

David Rand

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From: James Lopez
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:36 PM
Subject: Public Comments Filing System Down

Dear Chairman Powell,

Given the fact that the FCC does not accept public comments by phone, and the electronic filing service is down, thereby making public input on FCC decisions impossible, I've decided to send my comments directly to you. It is difficult to believe that in a nation where so much rhetoric is dedicated to expousing the virtues of democracy, the public is having its right to free, fair and imparcial information thwarted by your attempts to consolidate media control into the hands of a few multinational conglomerates. My public statement on the matter is as follows:

"Chairman Powell's disregard for open and free debate of media ownership regulations is anti-democratic and frankly authoritarian. Public outcry demands that extensive public hearings be held prior to any vote being taken to further the deregulation of media ownership and the increased monopolistic powers this will give to a few media conglomerates, who have already done too much to turn our airwaves into homogoneized, jingoistic, and sensationalist garbage, which does more to harm the intellectual and moral fabric of our society than any other single factor. I urge the FCC to return to its true role as a guarantor of a free and open media crucial to the proper functioning of our democracy, rather than a tool for big business and those opposed to free, intelligent and respectful debate in this nation."

Sincerely yours, a citizen of an increasingly restrictive democracy,

James J. López, PhD
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Dale Cheves
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:43 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

"I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation.
On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules."

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From: TERRY LYNCH
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:56 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

You 5 people have no right to make such a drastic change in what information we will receive in the future. That is not your job. Your job is to protect OUR interests - the PUBLIC. We cannot get adequate information from fewer sources-as you propose. We need more sources. You need to put back more controls and higher limits on market share etc. NOW.

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

From: TERRY LYNCH
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:00 PM
Subject: Help Michael Powell get his head out of Dick Cheney's ASS!

Please hurry before Monday or he will be sucked in forever and you all will be pulled in with him!

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

From: Gabriel Blair
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:12 PM
Subject: My airwaves and my best interests.

Dear Commissioner Copps

I am writing to strongly urge you to delay the vote on broadcast ownership regulation reduction until sufficient opportunity has been provided for those who own the airwaves to voice their opinions. A decision that involves the public's best interest **MUST** involve the public.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Blair
Hatboro, PA

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From: R. Marchese
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:20 PM
Subject: Too much influence

Dear Commissioner Copps

There is not enough diversity in the issuance of licenses for our broadcast spectrum.

Too few entities influence far too much of our spectrum. I want our nation to regain its ability to be informed.

The only way I found out about the impending hearing, to allow a corporation to control even more of what we hear, see and read, was through NPR.

What else are we not being notified about?

We also need a History channel, a Science channel, a Traffic channel etc.

You can drive for hours and not learn anything.

Our spectrum is not being used wisely. It is, for the most part, a wasteland.

Richard Marchese
10 Windsor Court
Fairfield, NJ 07004

From: Jim Grantham
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:34 PM
Subject: FCC regulations

Dear commissioner,

DO NOT ok this bill that allows big media to take bigger pieces of the pie. It is NOT american, or fair to diversity of opinion. If you allow this to happen, you have shown your true colors as a bought and paid for lackey.

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Bright Moments,

Jim Grantham
Nightbird Music, SF Bay Area Jamlist
Jazzmaster Workout Improvisation Method
<http://www.nightbirdmusic.com>

From: Jason Wehling
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:38 PM
Subject: Democracy desperately needs a heterogeneous press

To the FCC Commissioners:

I agree with William Safire, Ted Turner, and many others that further media consolidation hinders our democracy. I urge you to vote against further eroding the regulation of media ownership. Economics is just one component of Public Interest. Democracy can't survive without a rigorous marketplace of free ideas. Please help save our democracy instead of voting to destroy it.

Thank you for your time,

Jason Wehling
Portland, Oregon
503.499.4342

From: Harrell, Jodi
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 10:32 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

I strongly oppose any proposal that will loosen the rules on media concentration and ownership and I urge you to delay your June 2nd vote to allow more time for public input and debate.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jodi Harrell
Des Moines, Iowa