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DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

I'M A SELF-MADE MILLIONAIRE
AND A REPUBLICAN THANKS TO
THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY
THIS GREAT COUNTRY. FURTHER
CONSOLIDATION OF CORPORATE
BIG MEN IN MEDIA OWNERSHIP
MEANS LESS OPPORTUNITY !!
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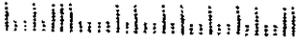
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From: Mardel, Linda .
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:01 PM
Subject: Please keep local stations on the air with local news and local concerns.

Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

We need federal support to keep local media owned and operated by local US citizens. It's the only way to ensure our freedoms of speech and press. It's the only way to ensure we have timely, accurate, pertinent news. There should be no federal support for selling out to media monopolies, and especially to non-US owned media groups.

Thank you,

Linda Mardel
10729 W. Brookside Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85359

From: Teddy
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:45 PM
Subject: postponement, please

and provide suitable time and forum for much needed public input on deregulation. Media consolidation is already a problem without it! Place me on record as one citizen who thinks this issue requires healthy public debate if it is to be considered a viable possibility at all. It is not too late to take a breath and step back from the current schedule. It is too important to rush through on Monday, and much is at stake.

From: Ekkaminga1@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:47 PM
Subject: fcc proposed change

I am very much against the change that is being proposed. Our freedom of accdss to several sources of daily news is being eroded. Here in Florida there are veryi few local stations broadcasting indepently of Clear Channel. The same programming can be on 2 or 3 stations at the same time. Our freedom of choice is being taken away from us. Major corporations own television and radio stations and the press. We are no longer certain that the news we receive is the truth. Please vote against this.

Thank you

Elaine Nelson

CC: KM KJMWEB

From: Scott Marx
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:47 PM
Subject: Public Hearing

Secretary and Chairpersons:

I write today to strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed changes you are considering for with the media ownership rules.

An issue as important as this deserves an open and full public debate. This rule change will effect every person in the United States.

Thank you

Scott Marx
443-618-2555

From: Kurt Overberg
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:51 PM
Subject: OPPOSE ENDING THE BAN ON CONSOLODATION

Hello,

I strongly OPPOSE ending the ban on media ownership. I'm writing to voice my hope that you will require the FCC to extend the June 2nd vote on cross-ownership of newspapers and television stations! Public hearings are a must! The media congolmerates already hold so much sway in our dear nation, we must NOT make it easier for them. Please!

Thanks for your time...

Kurt Overberg
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

From: Joseph Randazzo
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:51 PM
Subject: A request

Commissioner Powell,

I'm writing this email because I have been unable to reach your office over the phone for the past several hours. The line has been busy. Apparently there are many more like me who want to make certain you hear from the public you are supposed to be serving as FCC Chairman. I urge you to delay the vote on loosening media ownership, now scheduled for Monday. I further request that you allow for public debate on this vital matter. These airwaves belong to every one of us, not to a few entrepreneurs.

I'm sure you've heard all the arguments against consolidation, the impassioned pleas for democracy, variety, spectrum of opinions -- but it seems you don't much care. Your public remarks regarding the outcry from people like me leave little hope that you'll heed our requests. Nonetheless, I respectfully ask you to consider the millions of people opposed to homogenous, profit-driven media as more than a "focus group," and please extend the vote until such time that there's been a democratic debate. In the least, you should let the public know what your intentions are by releasing the proposed rules changes.

People will not forget if you let us down, and we will continue to put more and more pressure on our congresspeople to make sure you serve the public good.

Thanks so much for your time,

Joe Randazzo

PS. I'm further dismayed by hearing from people I know that, after finally getting through over the phone, they've been told your office is not taking comments. This is very troublesome, if true, and will be addressed.

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

From: Mellorgal@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:04 PM
Subject: No Subject

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please allow a public debate concerning the vote on media consolidation. This is an issue of importance to all of us, and I hope you don't continue to disregard the opinions of many Americans over this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christie Mellor
6090 Pickford Street
Los Angeles, California
90035
323-931-9923

From: Patty Quattlebaum
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:19 PM
Subject: please

Please reconsider the decision to consolidate media ownership. Here in the Charleston, SC market, we are owned by Clear Channel. We don't get local news or weather like we used to. It is becoming McRadio.

Cable is not available to many of our local citizens. It has become so expensive that many of our lower income people can not afford it. In the last 10 years the cost of basic cable package has gone from \$18/month to almost \$40/mo. This is out of reach of anyone without a substantial salary.

From: Davidzalben@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:19 PM
Subject: No Subject

Listen, I don't think you have the right to distroy what is left of our democracy. I think you ought not vote for the monopolization of our media, It is the wrong thing to do.

David Zalben

From: Susan Onaclea
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:19 PM
Subject: Regulation changes

Mr. Powell,

I am writing to ask you to hear the public regarding the fcc regulations you are planning on changing. This issue is of great import to the public, and we deserve to be heard. Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Onaclea
Leaburg, OR

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From: Kdhenson@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:31 PM
Subject: RE: Pending Media Consolidation Ruling

Dear Commissioners~

Please keep in mind that what's good for the profitability of media businesses is NOT necessarily good for a healthy democracy. Media markets are different, and demand different rules.

Meaningful and widely informed public debate, the type that the commission seems intent on avoiding around this issue, is essential for the functioning of a democracy.

Kevin D. Henson

From: Tom Ryan
To: m.powell@fcc.gov
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:32 PM
Subject: opposition to proposed legislation

Dear Mr. Powell

I'm writing a brief note to express my opposition to the changes that you propose to the current anti-trust laws governing ownership of television stations.

The slanted, biased, and sanitized coverage of Mr. Bush's private war in Iraq has convinced me that we need to do all we can to ensure true freedom of speech in this country and I believe that the changes that you propose will undermine this.

please re-consider.

Sincerely,

- Tom

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

From: Aaron Taylor
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, jmweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:32 PM
Subject: need to let you know...

I am writing to you to express my extreme disagreement with the manner the FCC is proceeding to allow attempts to further destroy the American media landscape.

The views and opinions of the people who you all serve are being ignored. Further study, input, and discussion of the disastrous effect these changes will have on diversity of viewpoints and choices are warranted.

Big business does not own the airwaves in this country, but it is apparent they are the only ones that matter in this process.

Thank you for your time, and careful consideration of what I, and many others have been communicating to you in recent days and weeks.

Respectfully,

Aaron Taylor

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From: Kloss,Sue - Biology Instructor
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:35 PM
Subject: FCC Restrictions

Dear Commissioner:

I urge you **NOT** to change restrictions on how many media outlets any company can own, unless you are planning to **INCREASE** restrictions! Please do not let American media deteriorate any further than it already has. We are losing our free press when we allow single companies to buy up many radio and tv stations and newspapers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sue Kloss
Lake Tahoe Community College
South Lake Tahoe CA 96150

From: giralua
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:41 PM
Subject: Stop the selloff!

The FCC has no right to allow, much less to encourage, monopolistic control of the public airways and news media. Don't do it.

Jeremy Cantor
Benicia, California

From: c h-w
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:41 PM
Subject: Letter

what the hell are you people doing?

i contacted you last week to express my dismay at your disregard of public
protes RE
your re-regulating the media companies of the country.

you people don't see that further de-regulation UNDERMINES DEMOCRACY, and a
PLURALISTIC
"4th HOUSE"???

Please re-consider and instead re-regulate the current media to BREAK UP
MONOPOLY.

To do anything else is to betray the soul of our country ... that is FREE
SPEACH and PLURALISTIC
DEBATE.

With dismay (i know i don't own a media empire, but i thought all citizens
were equal... am i
wrong?).

Please consider my comments and delay monday's vote. I'm watching you.

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
LA CA 323 791 2901

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From: Michael Sheehy
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:44 PM
Subject: (no subject)

I tried to submit this comment on the appropriate web posting page. Strangely, your server seems to be having some difficulty with that section- there was an error when I tried to send my comment. I felt the need to send it to you personally because it is important.

I strongly disagree with deregulating or relaxing rules on media ownership. To do so is blatantly driven by corporate interests and directly against the majority of public opinion. Do not vote to deregulate and offer the public more opportunities to voice their opinion before making a ruling on the issue.

Sincerely,
Michael Sheehy

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