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*Mrs. Roberta L. Bauer*  
Mr. William E. Brown  
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*Re Honorable Kathleen D. Abernathy*

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WAYNE LAPIERRE  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



## **URGENT NRA BULLETIN**

### **MEDIA MONOPOLY ALERT**

Mr. Omar A. Abdallah  
1026 Ridgemount Dr.  
Staunton, VA 24401-3512

Dear Mr. Abdallah:

Please read this important NRA BULLETIN then take a few minutes to mail the five special postcards I've enclosed.

And please, DO THIS TODAY for the sake of your Second Amendment rights.

Right now as you read this message, major anti-gun media corporations are putting intense pressure on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make sweeping changes in the FCC rules that prohibit monopoly ownership of media sources in your community and across the United States.

The FCC has asked for public comment on these proposed changes and if they don't hear from us only the Big Media's voice will be heard.

The rules under debate -- known as "Broadcast Ownership Rules" -- have for decades prevented the giant media conglomerates from gaining monopoly control over what your fellow Americans can read in their newspapers, see on T.V., and hear on the radio.

And they have prevented gun-hating media giants like AOL Time Warner, Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC from silencing your NRA when we've needed to take our message directly to the American people in critical legislative and political battles.

Now, however, the nation's most powerful media companies are trying to force the FCC to do away with these rules and pave the way for a tiny handful of corporations to gain total control over the news and information that Americans are allowed to read, see, and hear.

If that happens, your NRA would face a disastrous situation where -- in a political crisis -- a small group of top media executives could literally silence your NRA and prevent us from communicating with your fellow Americans by refusing to sell us television, radio, or newspaper advertising at any price.

Don't think it can't happen because it's already happened -- and I'll give you just one prominent example.

Back in 1992, when our heroic troops returned from Desert Storm, your NRA taped a

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special T.V. tribute, featuring Charlton Heston, to welcome them home.

This public service announcement didn't make a single mention of firearms or the Second Amendment -- instead, it was a simple, heartfelt message to our brave men and women in uniform, thanking them for a job well done.

**But we couldn't get it on the air -- at any price. All three networks said the same thing... that our "thank you" message to America's Armed Forces was "too controversial" because it was produced and paid for by the NRA!!!**

This is just one instance out of many in the past decade when the top brass of the major media conglomerates have denied your NRA's right to be heard. And now, these same networks -- and the executives who control them -- are trying to convince the FCC to relax its ownership rules so that they can vastly expand their control of our nation's media outlets...

...Including local newspapers, T.V. stations, radio stations, and cable companies...

...So that they can take an even greater hand in deciding what news stories and commercial messages are "fit" for the American people and which messages should be banned from the newspapers as well as the T.V. and radio airwaves.

If these rules are changed, a single media company could lawfully own and control virtually every news outlet in a community or even a whole state or region of America.

And you better believe that if these Big Media executives get the control they want over America's radio and T.V. airwaves, it will be all but impossible for your NRA to fight our grassroots battles in the way that we have done so successfully in the past -- by putting our message on the air, telling your fellow citizens the truth, and getting them involved.

Instead, a half-dozen anti-gun zealots in the top echelons of the media industry will have the unchallenged power to keep us off the air and shut down your NRA's efforts to communicate with the American people -- our most powerful weapon for protecting your Second Amendment rights and the rights of future generations.

If they can grab near-total control of the networks, the cable companies, the newspapers, and the radio, they CAN and WILL win the next big gun control battle that takes place in Congress, whatever form that battle happens to take.

Remember, the anti-gun media executives who would dictate media programming under these proposed new rules are the same individuals who gave enormous contributions to the Clinton-Gore gun-ban machine -- and who continue to give their political dollars to rabid anti-gun extremists like U.S. Senators Charles Schumer, Hillary Clinton, and Dianne Feinstein.

They don't believe the Second Amendment means what it says. They don't believe that you and your family should have a right to own firearms.

And they've never hesitated to use their clout to further the agenda of the "Brady Center" (formerly Handgun Control, Inc.) and other gun-ban groups by giving them free airtime, putting

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their rallies on T.V., and making major political contributions to gun-ban candidates.

That's why I'm counting on you today to sign, stamp and mail the five critical postcards I've enclosed with this letter, addressed to FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell and to the four Commissioners of the FCC.

It will be these five individuals who will make the final decision whether or not to give monopoly powers to the nation's biggest media conglomerates -- and who, in doing so, will decide the future of the NRA and your Second Amendment rights.

My friend, I believe in my heart that this is a battle we can win. No other organization in America has the power to mobilize so many respected American citizens to make their voices heard on this issue. But it's a battle we will surely lose unless I can rely on you and every NRA member to take part.

So please, make a commitment to get involved today.

If you wish, you can also contact the FCC by E-mail or fax, or you can use your own letterhead to write a message to Chairman Powell and the other four Commissioners. I've listed all the necessary contact information on your postcard sheet, as well as some key "talking points" for you to use in your communications.

But whether you decide to mail the postcards I've prepared for you or whether you want to contact the FCC in another way, it's extremely important that you take action immediately because the FCC could decide this issue within just a few short weeks.

Believe me, the media companies that stand to gain full monopoly control over America's airwaves are doing everything in their power to make sure the decision goes in their favor and that they win the opportunity to censor the NRA in future "gun control" battles.

We have to make our voices louder than theirs. It's really that simple.

So please contact the FCC today and use the enclosed reply to let me know exactly what steps you've taken -- so that I can point to your messages as proof that the American people are strongly against this proposal to give total control of our media to a handful of giant anti-gun corporations.

And when you reply I must urge you just as strongly as I can to include a special contribution to the NRA.

I'm sure you'll understand when I tell you that, these past few weeks, with the war in Iraq dominating the headlines and the eyes of our nation focused on eliminating the threat of terror, we have faced an uphill battle in raising the funds that NRA needs for special projects like this one as well as for our day-to-day programs.

In addition to this grassroots mobilization and the continual battles we fight in Congress and the state legislatures, your NRA provides and funds more than 100 special programs that help ensure the survival and strength of the precious hunting and shooting traditions that were

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passed to us for safekeeping by past generations.

These programs range from our award-winning "Eddie Eagle®" gun safety program that reaches millions of youngsters every year, to hunting and shooting education, instructor training for law enforcement programs, summer camp programs where youngsters can learn the skills and satisfaction of marksmanship, and many, many more.

Every one of these programs -- not to mention our legislative efforts and this campaign to stop the monopoly takeover of the media -- could be in jeopardy soon unless I can maintain full funding levels for the NRA in spite of the world events that have severely hamstrung our fundraising efforts.

Can I count on you for a special gift of \$19, \$24, \$28, \$36 when you return your reply?

It would mean a lot to me, but more importantly it would mean a lot to the millions of Americans whose lives you touch through your NRA generosity -- whether it's a kid learning to shoot in a supervised environment, a policeman patrolling our streets, a woman learning to protect herself from a crime, or an elected official casting a vote in favor of your gun freedoms knowing that NRA voters will back him up at election time.

I'd be grateful if you could help us through the difficult days ahead with your special gift.

And I'll be grateful to hear from you and know that you've mailed your all-important postcards to the FCC to help us win this critical battle -- a battle that will decide whether gun-hating elitists gain total control of the media and close the doors on future NRA newspaper, T.V., and radio advertising.

Just as surely as any legislative battle we've ever fought in Congress, this fight will have a major impact on the future of your Second Amendment rights -- and a defeat would literally cripple our efforts to reach out to your fellow Americans at times when freedom is most at stake.

So please, take a moment now, while it's on your mind, to mail the enclosed postcards to the FCC, complete and return the enclosed reply to let me know you've taken this critical step, and include your most generous contribution when you respond.

This is a battle for the future hearts and minds of the American people and one that we can't afford to lose. I know I can count on you and I look forward to your reply.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Wayne LaPierre  
Executive Vice President

P.S. Please don't let a handful of media executives win this battle and gain monopoly control over what the American people read, see, hear and think. Please don't let them take your NRA out of the newspapers and off the T.V. and radio airwaves. Please take action today to help us win this battle by mailing the postcards I've sent you and returning the enclosed reply with your generous contribution today. Thank you again.

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Prentice Crawford  
207 Whitley Ave  
Sturtevant Ky 40084

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Dear Mr Martin <sup>Distribution</sup>

It has come to my attention that AOL Time Warner, Viacom and Disney among other media companies, have asked the **FCC** to make sweeping changes to the "Broadcast Ownership Rules".

Relaxing these rules would provide these, already, powerful companies with unlimited control... control of information, control of who gets to exercise freedom of speech, control of hearts and minds. Remember that the digital spectrum was given free of charge to these communication giants by the US. Congress. What? are you surprised I knew about that? You should be.

These very same media companies barely mentioned this give away in their news outlets. They didn't allow any strong voice to speak out against giving billions of dollars worth of the citizens' property to these already wealthy companies.

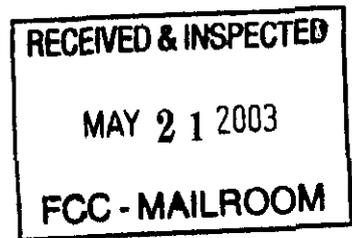
This is only one example of the media controlling information and manipulating the "People" to further its own self interest and promoting the social/political agenda of its officers.

Please do your job and protect the interest of the "People". These companies have shown that they will abuse their power. Giving them more power to control free speech on a national and worldwide level would undermine the very foundation of the constitution.

Sincerely, Prentice Crawford

P.S. I haven't seen a single news report debating the pros & cons of changing the "Broadcast Ownership Rules". Have you?

*Ree Honorable Michael K. Powell*



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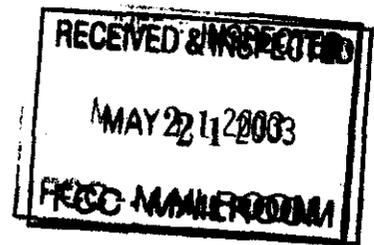


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From the desk of:  
Dr. Donald G. Miller Jr.  
6511 Bo Peep Dr N  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210-2911



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To:  
The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mrs. Abernathy:

I would like to respectfully urge you to NOT relax the current broadcast ownership rules that at this present time protect the American citizens from media monopolies.

The proposed changes would virtually pave the way for giant media organizations to gain nearly total control of the radio and television news and information in communities across the United States. The proposed changes, if passed, would virtually guarantee that any differing type of point of view from the broadcast managements would ever reach the airwaves for broadcast. Many of the corporations that have lobbied the FCC to relax the current ownership rules have a known track record of attempting to prevent any opposing viewpoints from reaching the broadcast air-waves.

The American people deserve to hear more than ONE point of view on important issues that they face on a day-by-day basis. I implore you, for the sake of our country, and the freedom that we hold so dear, to continue the broadcast ownership protection rules, that for many years now, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country. To allow the proposed changes to be made would virtually rule out any dissenting point of view and forever change our society for the worst. The last time that only one point of view was allowed, it brought the destruction of that countries society (Germany and Iraq are prime examples).

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Reference: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Powell:

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Sincerely,

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Honorable Jonathan S Adelstein

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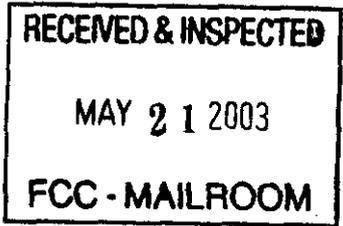
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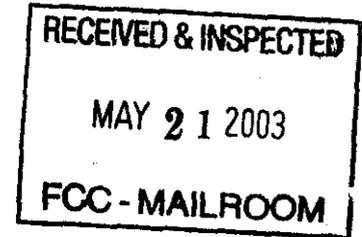
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Springtown, TX 76082

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The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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*Stephen W. Looney*  
STEPHEN W. LOONEY

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Dear Mr. Adelstein,

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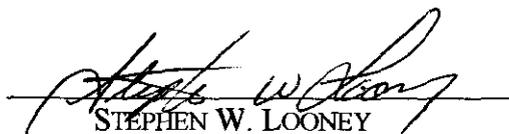
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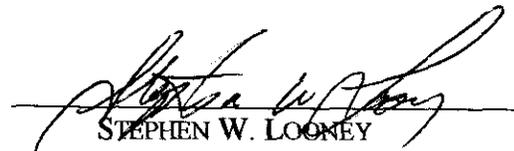
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