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Subject: 2002 Biennial Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules
(MB Docket Number 02-277)

I am not employed by any communications company in any medium. I am writing to you, individually and as a body, as a concerned citizen. I urgently request that the FCC take no action and make no decision to ease or erase the current rules limiting conglomerated ownership of the media until and unless fully spelled-out proposed changes to these rules are first published far and wide, and the public is given a full, free, fair, and open chance to see them and comment on them. If you are determined to act now, I urge that you err on the side of the people – and retain or strengthen these rules to protect diversity in public speech in this country.

I agree with the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration that it is difficult to comment in significant depth or detail, or even very closely to the point, on unwritten rules. If there are no explicit terms set, that makes it hard to judge the impacts – though it is incumbent on FCC to do so, and to give the public the chance to do so as well, as the Office of Advocacy pointed out in disputing the sufficiency of a simple declaration that the rules would have no impact on small businesses.

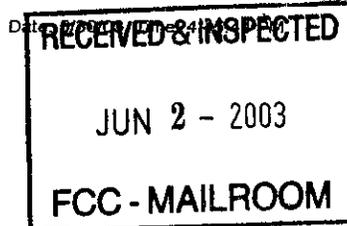
I must oppose the adoption of any rules, or changes to rules, if they are not spelled out. Given that the rules changes now under discussion are not concrete, and may nevertheless be voted on, any further comments from me must take a rather philosophical approach.

We are all familiar with the simple Latin phrase *E pluribus unum* . . . “out of many, one.” It is a part of the foundation of this country’s political philosophy – and of our recognition of the value of diversity.

In the study of biodiversity, it is known that having more varieties of organisms is healthier for long-term survival – of a species, or of an overall ecosystem. The same is just as true – if not more so – for media diversity and the survival of a democratic sociopolitical system.

But how do we get from many to one? Unity imposed from above cannot be relied upon to foster democracy. Democracy must come from the ground up – and grow from the many into a more powerful, more perfect union. Unity can give us power, but only once diversity gives us strength to temper that power and make it flexible, able to respond to all conditions and see all views.

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I know you are all too aware that the media are a big business – among the biggest, in fact. But they are not just businesses. They compete – and trade – in the marketplace of ideas. That market must be kept free and fair; we cannot afford to let it slip into a monopoly, or fall to a cartel . . . to forget the long-term interest of the nation and its people while we look for a temporary advantage to a few. The good of the nation demands that you focus on the future – and the people of, by, and for whom you work. This is true of all media, and all media “markets”. It is particularly true for the broadcast media, where companies are profiting directly from use of the people’s airwaves and have a concomitant responsibility to serve the public interest. That responsibility, that duty, you share as well . . . and I urge you to remember it.

Let me offer you another comparison to consider. It has been postulated that religious freedom in a cultural complex is inversely proportional to the strength of the strongest religion. This view can be applied equally well to freedom of speech in the media. Just as A’s right to swing his arms freely must stop somewhere short of B’s nose, my freedom of speech means nothing if nobody can hear what I say because it gets drowned out by the amplified volume of someone else’s speech – or of the top half-dozen voices trying to shout each other.

But perhaps I am already being drowned out. I am not a major contributor – though I do have some candidates I support. I am not a media mogul, with a vested interest in lifting ownership caps that my head has already outgrown. I am just an American citizen. But in fact you should not recognize any higher rank, or admit the possibility that there is any party with a more powerful interest, than the rank and the interest I share with millions of other Americans.

Those of you who attended the few, poorly-promoted public hearings held by the Commission on this incomplete proposal saw that the overwhelming majority of public comments were against loosening the controls on media monopoly. If you cannot wait to approve new media-ownership rules for the next two years until after you have actually written them down and shown them to the American people, if you must act now on what has been said so far, then I ask that you heed their voices and either retain the current limits or strengthen them. That is the right direction to go if your aim is truly to strengthen American democracy – to live up to the motto *E pluribus unum*.

Sincerely,

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Dear FCC Members,

I am writing you to urge you to keep the present rules in place, allowing for regulation of ownership of our airwaves.

Homogenization of the marketplace has already taken place in cities. Billings, Montana looks the same as Schaumburg, Illinois with the Subway, Home Depot and Dunkin Donut franchises.

MUCH More importantly than diversity in our malls is diversity in our communication systems. I want a choice.

Please don't vote for deregulation. Stay on the side of democracy and the protection of our freedoms, in the name of public interest.

Sincerely,

Susan K. Carrel
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Dear FCC Members,

It's very important to me that you keep the present media rules in place. We need more voices, not less to keep our democracy healthy.

You have very important roles. Those who want to change the rules have waged a big fight to get their way. We little people are counting on you to not let them have their way.

Keep the present rules in place.

Thank you,
Leo Grunstein
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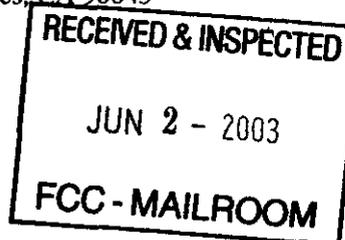
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FCC Federal Communications Commission

Subject: Keep Radio Live



Dear FCC Communications Commission:

I am deeply concerned that you have set a June 2 deadline for submitting new regulations on media ownership. Media consolidation is a threat to the free flow of information and ideas, and it is wrong to issue new rules without giving the public an opportunity to review and discuss specific proposed regulations. An issue this important needs more debate and discussion. Please do not stifle debate on this issue.

Sincerely,

Red Philly

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Sunday, June 1, 2003

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<p>To: Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW Washington, DC 20554 Fax: 202-418-0188</p>	<p>From: Denny Gibler 824 NE Emily Lane Lee's Summit, MO Phone-816/524-8941 Fax- 816/524-8946 JANZIL@aol.com</p>
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I wish to express my concern about the proposed changing of the FCC rules regarding ownership of media outlets. I am hopeful you will see fit to postpone this vote until after further study and consideration of the importance of this decision.

Thank you.

Denny Gibler

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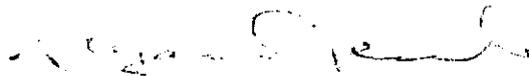
Suzanne Henley
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To FCC Commission:

I am calling with great concern regarding the vote on Monday, June 2. I have never gone to this length to contact anyone regarding a government vote. I am very disturbed by the potential monopoly of information given to the American public should this vote pass. The basis of our country is to let an informed people govern themselves. We must put forth our greatest effort to keep the information given the people diversified and objective. Please do not allow these changes to occur.

Sincerely,

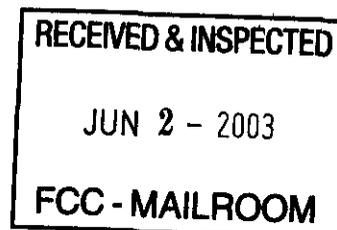


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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 E. Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: Docket No. 02-277

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I understand that on June 2, 2003, the FCC intends to lift restrictions on media ownership. I am strongly opposed to this media deregulation. Thomas Jefferson said he would rather have a free press and no government than a government and no free press. I do not believe that this deregulation is consistent with the presentation of diverse opinion in the media. While the precise effect of the proposed legislation is impossible to predict, it is inconceivable that it would lead to a broadening of perspectives in the public discourse. This is a non-partisan issue, and clearly deregulation is not in the best interest of the American people and our democracy. I would respectfully implore the FCC to stop this deregulation and work to make the media diverse, competitive, balanced and fair.

Finally, I would like to say that few U.S. citizens are even aware of this intended change and were not given a chance to voice their opposition. This is a very important issue and the fact that it has escaped attention in the media (without the proposed deregulation) proves what a dangerous idea it is to have fewer and fewer media participants. In the limited public debate that has occurred, it has never been illustrated why this deregulation is necessary. What problem is being solved? How does this benefit the American people? What possible purpose could the deregulation serve other than the consolidation and expansion of revenue streams of the existing media conglomerates?

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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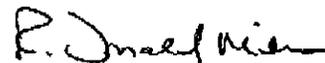
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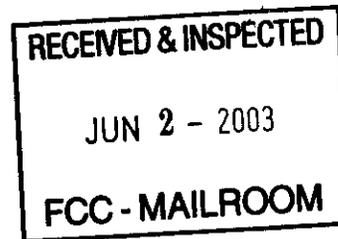


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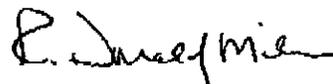
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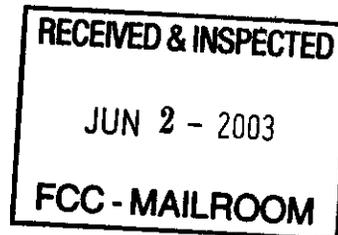
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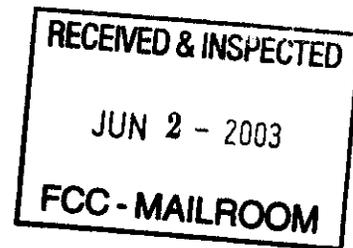
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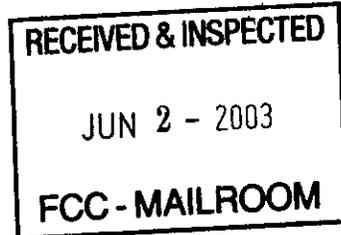
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From:

Esther Miller
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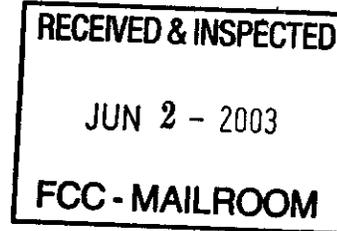
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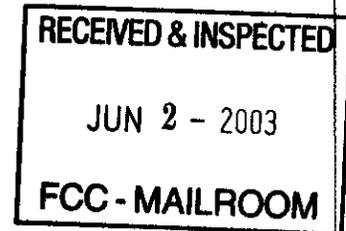
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Mr Powell, ^{Mr} Abernathy & Mr Capps

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