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Mrs. Bernathy,

I am one of those "silent Americans" who has now chosen to speak.
 It has come to my attention that there exists a proposal to relax the rules of broadcast ownership. Such a proposal would allow ownership to operate as a more narrow-minded monopoly. There would only exist "their" view of what is news, and how it would be reported.

Such an operation would eliminate any news, views, and opinions that differ from theirs.
 Our American society/culture has been (and is) based on the free and open exchange of beliefs, views, and opinions. It is only by this free and open exchange that the people of the United States may be exposed to all sides of any issue and arrive at an informed and reasoned decision.

Therefore, I urge you to NOT relax the rules of broadcast ownership. To do so would impose a censorship on the free and open exchange of ideas, beliefs, views, and opinions that has been a critical element that separates US, as a free people, from the rest of the world.

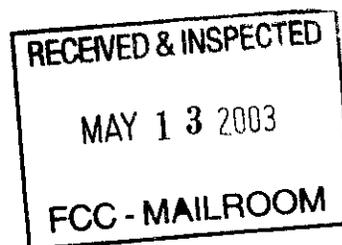
Respectfully,
 Ray Coffey

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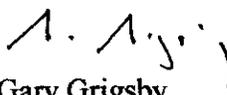
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Again, we are saddened that you won't delay the rule changes for more comments and public input. You say enough time has passed and the proposed changes are overdue. Well, it seems that our own President Bush often pushes back rule changes when he is so inclined to do so. In this case, you should speak for the people and do the same.

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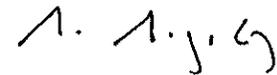
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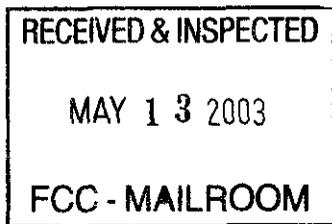
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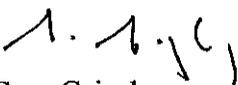
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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Chairman Powell:

The upcoming vote of the FCC scheduled for June 2nd relating to amending the rules of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 is of great concern to me.

It will be damaging to the public interest to permit fewer and fewer entities to own and control broadcast and other media. I cannot see how this usurpation of media control will benefit the public; it will only benefit the ownerships (and those for whom the ownerships act as a mouthpiece), creating near-monopolies and denying the public the access to the wide range of viewpoints they need and deserve in order to remain adequately informed.

Instead of considering the narrowing of the scope and ownership of broadcast, the Fairness Doctrine should be reinstated and the scope should be widened. The Fairness Doctrine was eliminated when it was deemed no longer to serve the public interest, but with the passage of time it is glaringly evident that we have come full circle and its restoration seems the only way to restore fairness, responsible reporting and actual journalism to the media.

Sincerely yours,



Denise Belanger

cc: Representative Bill Pascrell, Jr.

Senator Jon Corzine

Senator Frank Lautenberg

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The **HONORABLE MICHAEL J. COPPS**
COMMISSIONER
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



Dear Mr. Copps:

I have received informational reports of the possibility that the Commission is currently considering changes in the "broadcast ownership rules" which in the past has done an almost adequate job of keeping multiple sources of news available to the American public.

"Almost adequate" is used advisedly (not contemptuously), since my locally owned newspaper was gobbled up by the New York Times several years back. I have also come to the conclusion that the national broadcast media very definitely control the issues and the slant on those issues for their own reasons. As broadcast and published news/entertainment sources as well as "pseudo-educational" social condition documentaries become more and more frequently aired or printed, the greater the fractionation grows within the national society.

I think we are living in the most divided era of the United States' 220 year history, due to the awesome influence that "conglomerate" media groups wield at the present time. I know my local newspaper is on borrowed time with me, and as soon as I can find an area publication that is locally owned and uses real JOURNALISTS on its staff, this TIME/Life subsidiary of the New York Times (or whoever owns it) will lose one subscriber.

I could go on for pages, but let me simply say that many of the existing media corporations are already doing the country a dis-service. Quality Journalism is becoming extinct. The Commission may be the last barrier to prevent the death of a "free" and "objective" communication system in our Republic. As bad as I loathe too much control, I'm afraid that the pattern of developing media in this country needs to be redirected, before any relaxation of rules can be tolerated.

Thank you for your time.

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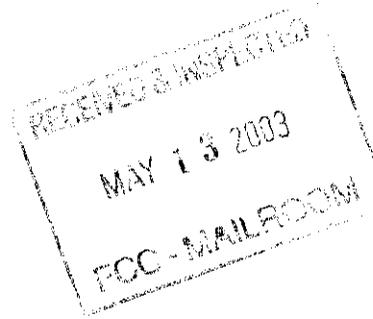
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Attn: Michael Powell ← Kevin Martin,

Re: media ownership

This is to urgently request that you vote against media consolidation - ownership - at your biennial meeting on June 2.

Further limiting ownership beyond your 1996 action would seriously deprive us of freedom of speech. It would place far too much power in the hands of fewer media giants to choose what we view and read.

Sincerely,
Patricia J. Huckabay

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May 13, 2003
Communications Commission
Secretary

Chairman Powell:

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Sincerely,

Steven and Linda Morton

And Extended Family Members (Republicans and Democrats)
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Portland, Oregon 97209-0001

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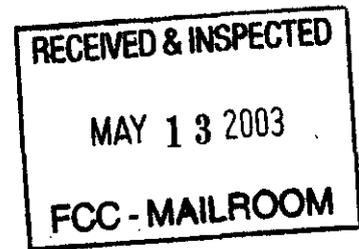
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May 7, 2003

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner, FCC
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is to urge you not to relax the FCC rules on media ownership. Their purpose is to prevent media monopolies, which are very bad for the nation. Democracy requires exposure to many points of view, which would be seriously hindered by allowing a few corporations to control the bulk of the airwaves.

Please continue the broadcast ownership protections we have now.

Thank you.

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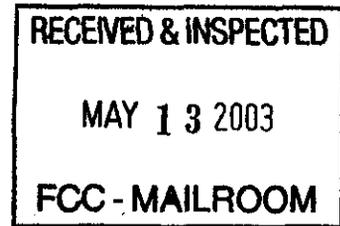
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William J. Rowell
9129 Church Road
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May 7, 2003

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

I am quite concerned over the proposed change in broadcast ownership rules. I hope you will vote **against** these rule changes that currently protect us from media monopolies.

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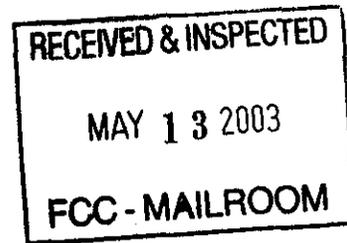
I hope that you will continue to support the broadcast ownership rules that have protected us for decades.

Thank you for your representation and consideration of my views.

Best regards,

Bill Rowell

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4053 Mount Brundage Ave.
San Diego, CA 92111-3822

May 5, 2003

Mr. Kevin J. Martin
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Dear Commissioner Martin:

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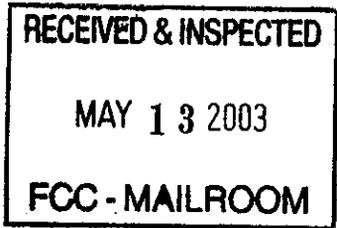
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Dear Mr. Powell,

I heard next month your going to vote to make TV into one big state sponsored network. Kind of like FOX on every channel. Dude, that rocks!

I just think FOX is so awesome! They have the best Iraq coverage, no doubt! And when we bomb Syria or Iran or North Korea, you *know* that FOX will be there too. So what do we need all those other stations for anyway? Then we wouldn't have to worry about them giving up government secrets or showing pictures of blown up foreigners and all that gnarly stuff that can just bum out your whole day.

Another thing--if we just had FOX, we wouldn't even need a remote except to turn the TV off. Or we could just keep it on all the time and then we wouldn't need a remote at all! Dude that would be so awesome!

Can I ask a favor? Could you be sure that when we just have one station to keep the Simpsons on? Also South Park?

Later,

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The Honorable Johnathan S. Adelstein
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I urge you ***not*** to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. For the sake of our democracy and the future of freedom in the world, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

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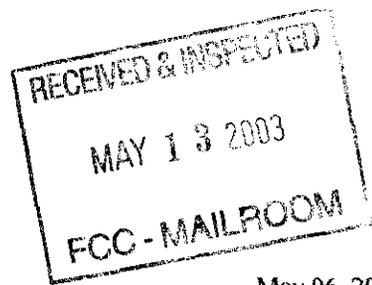


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May 06, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Committee
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, C.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell,

I urge you NOT to relax broadcast ownership rules now protecting U.S. citizens from media monopolies.

The proposed rule changes could pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain exclusive control of radio and television news and newspapers in communities across our nation. Many of these same corporations, now lobbying your Federal Communications Committee (FCC) to relax these ownership rules, already have a track record keeping opposing viewpoints off the air. While considerations for reducing government controls may be of some sound consideration, allowing dominant and monopolistic interests to control or stifle differing public viewpoints doesn't speak well for or enhance our capitalistic concepts. We need and deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues.

Therefore, for the sake of our republic and our freedoms, I again urge you to continue the present broadcast ownership protections helping to ensure healthy political exchange throughout our country.

I have taken the liberty of sending copies of this letter to the other members of your committee.

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Theodore R. Zimmerman

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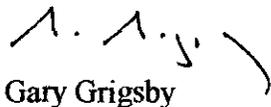
Dear Mr. Powell:

We did not send comments to you concerning the Biennial Review of Media Ownership and the proposed rule changes. We now understand that you are going to move ahead with that review despite getting thousands of responses against doing so. We hope you will reconsider.

It's obvious to see what has happened in the media since the last round of deregulation in 1996 I believe. More and more radio and TV stations are now owned by fewer and fewer groups. Clear Channel is the most obvious case. This is troubling. It hurts our democracy and gives us fewer choices not more as some may argue.

Again, we are saddened that you won't delay the rule changes for more comments and public input. You say enough time has passed and the proposed changes are overdue. Well, it seems that our own President Bush often pushes back rule changes when he is so inclined to do so. In this case, you should speak for the people and do the same.

Sincerely,



Gary Grigsby



Mary Grigsby

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