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The Honorable MICHAEL K POWELL, CHAIRMAN.

My wife and I own 9 Subway sandwich locations and employ a staff of around 100 people. We have had ownership since 1988. Our business spends many thousands of dollars on local radio advertising.

We are very concerned about the FCC looking into the relaxing of broadcast ownership rules. If the rules change we will have additional media monopolies which could affect competition and add to our cost of doing business.

An example of this is what has happened in radio due to "clear channel". Around 1995 they owned about 50 radio stations as of this date they control 1200 stations. What would they have if a ownership rules were relaxed.

Also we do not need to have media controlled by just a few companies. I believe the people of this nation would have many points of view from all the different types of media

Sincerely

JACK FITZGERALD

John Fitzgerald  
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**THOMAS A. RING**

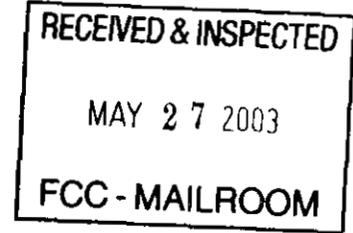
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Federal Communications Commission (By Fax to 202-418-0188):

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- Michael K. Powell, Chairman
- Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner
- Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
- Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
- Michael J. Copps, Commissioner



**SUBJECT. DO NOT CHANGE BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES**

Dear Commission Chairman and Commissioners:

If your "proposed broadcast ownership rules" are adopted:

1. Independent voices in cities throughout the country could be snuffed out by large media corporations,
2. Communities and even states and regions could be dominated by one media corporation, which could exercise its monopoly by deciding which viewpoints to air and which viewpoints to censor, and,
3. The American public would be denied access to a complete array of information from which to form and exercise their judgment

Not surprisingly, it is media giants that are fighting for these rule changes.

**The American public is entitled to a broad spectrum of information, which can only be obtained when there are competing broadcasters and newspapers in every area of the country.**

**Allowing media giants to dominate large areas of the country amounts to a MONOPOLY, and suppression of FREEDOM OF SPEECH.**

**AND SO - I URGE YOU TO PREVENT MONOPOLIZATION AND DOMINANCE IN COMMUNICATIONS, AND ALLOW THE AMERICAN PUBLIC A BROAD SPECTRUM OF INFORMATION.**

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. Ring

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1706 Sunburst Lane, Pineville, Louisiana 71360

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Subject Keep Radio Live

Dear FCC chairman Michael Powell:

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,



Richard Patterson

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Dear FCC

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Carlo Guarneri  
Chase, Kansas 67524-9449



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2317 N Madison Street  
Arlington, VA 22205  
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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S W  
Washington, D C. 20554

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Sincerely,



Barbara Saffer

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*Message:*

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To The honorable Michael R. Powell, Chairman  
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 The honorable Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner  
 The honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner

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Sincerely,  
Tom Irwin  
Tom Irwin

Colleen M. Maloney  
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**Message**

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies  
 The large news networks already have too much power to slant the news in their way of thinking. We don't need to give them more of an advantage. Many viewers believe that if the news networks report it, then it must be true.  
 This would pave the way for them to gain near-total control of both radio and television news across our nation.  
 The American viewers deserve to hear more than one point of view.  
 For the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections.

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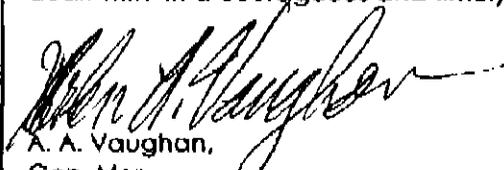
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**Comments:**

I have mailed each of you a postcard that was prepared by the NRA and this fax is to let you know that these are my sentiments exactly! Also any overt actions against my 2nd amendment rights and everything else guaranteed by the constitution must be dealt with in a courageous and timely manner. Thanks for your time and effort.

  
A. A. Vaughan,  
Gen. Mgr.

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Dear FCC leaders,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the relaxations of the broadcast ownership rules proposed by the elite media. This is anathema to a free state, and you know it. Let your conscience be your guide. Think of your children and grandchildren; should they live in freedom, or not?

Bill Mohren  
Peoria, Illinois

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Commissioner Adelstein:

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Please keep the current broadcast ownership  
rules

William Lehmann



Mr. William L. Lehmann  
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**CALLER:** Peter Varellas  
**NUMBER:** 559-431-5391

**MSG:** I talked with Karen Stephenson regarding your article in the SF Chronicle a few weeks ago. I am concerned there is no public or Senatorial discourse. I want to assist. I applaud everything you're doing. Please contact me and tell me how I can assist.

**ADDRESS:** 5464 N. Vagedes, Fresno, CA 93711

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
Federal Communication Commission  
(NS)  
445 12th Street, SW  
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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,  
Thomas E. Demers  
12 Central St  
Methuen, Massachusetts, 01844-3106

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The Honorable Michael L. Powell  
The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re. Broadcast Ownership Rights

Dear Commissioners:

I am emailing you to urge you to please not relax the current broadcast rules that protect our rights under the Constitution and protect us as American citizens from media monopolies.

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

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

Regards,

Charles O. & Betty W. Stogner  
559 Westshore Drive  
Ridgeway, SC 29130

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Office of the Secretary

**R.C. Hansen**  
1082 Sundance Dr.  
Pen Argyl, Pa. 18072

Dear All Members of F.C.C.,

We are all aware that monopolies, censorship, and lack of representation are not in the best interest of the American people.

So why would you, as an organization assigned to help protect and defend part of our culture and way of life, even consider altering or relaxing ownership rules that protect all of the American citizens from any one person or group of people from domineering the air waves of our great nation?

It is quite obvious the un-Godly power of censorship that would instill on the holder of such a monopoly!

We, as a people, have a right to hear all of the facts in any given story or debate on any and every topic of discussion, regardless of what 'side' the reporting media is on, or how they may wish to censor or alter the facts.

There for I implore you, as strongly as I know how, to not relax the Broadcast Ownership rules that keep media monopolies from having control over what We the American People, should or should not hear on the air waves of our great nation The United States Of America!

Radio Free Europe and dictatorship and other such things can not help but jump to mind!!

Sincerely and Respectfully



Raymond Hansen

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Honorable Members of the FCC, Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, the voices of all independent opposition people groups, etc. would be stopped. Whatever happened to free speech? Who do the big media conglomerates think they are? We send our troops overseas so that others may enjoy the freedoms that are slowly being eroded in our own country. Let's wake up, people before it's too late. Say no to relaxing broadcast ownership rules.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Moore, Sr.

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William H. Wilson

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The Media already has too much control over what we hear and see and you not to change the broadcast ownership rules and to continue the broadcast ownership protections

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Sincerely,

William H. Wilson  
Leadington, MO 63601-4447

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MICHAEL K. POWELL  
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KEVIN J. MARTIN  
KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY  
MICHAEL J. COPPS

COMMISSION.

I URGE YOU NOT TO RELAX THE  
BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES THAT PROTECT  
AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM MEDIA MONOPOLIES.

THANK YOU,

*Frank Baller*  
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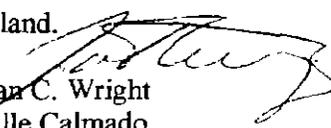
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Chairman Powell, Commissioners: Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

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Sirs and Madams, I request that you not allow the airways become monopolized. If this occurs, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by large media corporations; whole state and or regions could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor. The big media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. Their proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers. And in fact, many of the corporations that are fighting for these rule changes, including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/and ABC, are precisely the same companies that have tried in the past to keep your viewpoints off the air. Tom Jefferson was fearful of monopolies and tried to put restraints on them into the Constitution but was foiled by the Hamilton crowd. I too am fearful of them. Please do not fold under political pressure and forsake the little people of this land.

  
 Jonathan C. Wright  
 937 Calle Calmado  
 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007

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May 24, 2003

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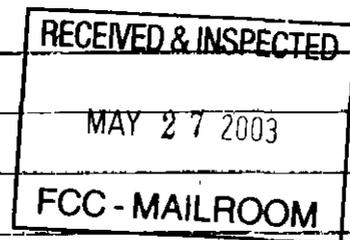
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Please make and distribute copies to all  
FCC Commissioners. Thank you, ~~Stephen~~ ~~Domenech~~

This fax consist of 4 pages including  
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It would be appreciated if you  
could advise as to the decision reached  
in this matter.



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May 25, 2003

To: FCC Chairman Honorable Michael B. Powell, and all other FCC Members.

R: Proposed rule change to allow any one to own as many Radio and TV stations they want.

Dear Members of the FCC Commission:

Please make the following comments and enclosure part of the record in your deliberations on changing the FCC rule as to ownership of radio and TV stations.

It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission was established by the Congress to provide for orderly use of the frequencies used by the TV Radio and Communication companies.

My first radio was a crystal set I built myself using head phones received for a Christmas present. I can clearly remember the newspaper stories concerning discussions why the FCC legislation was needed.

As explained at that time and still true today there is a requirement that the frequencies are used so that all broadcaster and users will be able to use the air waves without interference from other users. The total concept was "the frequencies are the property of the people of the United States, and are to be used for the good of all the people in the United States."

From my reading of the proposal(s) before your committee, it is apparent that the rules are proposed to be changed so that "A company can own as many stations as they want to and can afford to buy".

Enclosed are copies of news articles with my comments. As you can see, when a small group of people own all or virtually all of any commodity a monopoly or oligopoly is created. That is what would be created if the FCC changes the rules of ownership as now being proposed. Further, since those who own the stations or networks can decide what will be broadcast from their equipment a full and impartial discourse would most likely not occur here in the United States. In fact that is happening today. Witness the fact that the networks decide who can participate in the Presidential debates as happened in the last election.

Any one who runs for public office should be extremely concerned about the proposed change(s). Political ads could be refused [as at the present time and candidates or any one who wants to place telecommunication ads are left out]. Dissenting or contrary views different from the entity holding the broadcast license would not be heard. Such a situation flies directly in the face of the requirements of present law, and the law's intent to have the air waves used for the benefit of all the American people not just those who have the money to purchase stations to stifle dissent or

different views and at the same time enjoy the use of the electronic spectrum that is the property of the American people.

For many years the radio and TV stations were required to broadcast opposing views from those espoused by the stations owners. [In case of corporations, any stock holder of contrary view.] That rule was the "Fairness Doctrine". Since repeal of the Fairness Doctrine, it is virtually impossible for people who do not agree with radio or TV station views to get any rebuttal broadcast time "on the air from the station".

Therefore, the following suggestions are presented for your consideration. All licensed holders of a public broadcast frequency for radio or TV station [The law was written with the idea that the American people were the owners of the broadcast spectrum.] must provide air time for any one who requests air time to respond to opinions and political views broadcast by the station. ie. Reestablish the "Fairness Doctrine". Second, require that any candidate for any public office can participate in any political proceeding that is broadcast over the air such as candidate debates and or forums on issues such as "to be voted on measures". Third, all National, State, and local political ads run by candidates or any one else that deal directly with a persons election campaign or ballot measure are to be billed at the lowest cost rate of any advertising sold by the station for broadcast viewing.

Public Broadcast companies should not be able to make extensive profits at the expense of the American people who want to exercise their right to inform fellow citizens about candidates, issues and views that directly address the issues of a political campaign, proposed legislation or administrative rule.

In summary, to correct the present problem of excessive cost of political campaigns, all advertisements dealing with candidates and issues that are on the ballot would be billed at the lowest advertising rate the broadcaster uses. The Fairness Doctrine must be reestablished providing the people an opportunity to rebuttal a stations position on candidates etc.. The Station must be required to providing free time to any one who asks for it in an amount not to exceed 10 minutes in any 8 hour period, at the same time slot the station used to express its views.

If these changes are made to present FCC rules, it would go along way towards mitigating monopoly control ownership of the broad cast medium and an increase in control of "political speech and free speech on political and social issues in today's broad cast medium.

Investors should be able to make a profit, but not at the expense of control of political and social thought in America.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Donnell

From "THE OREGONIAN" Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 2003

**Official stands by decision to cut off Sharon broadcast**

JERUSALEM — The head of Israel's election commission defended his decision to stop live broadcasts of a news conference by Ariel Sharon and said he will not be intimidated by the prime minister and his supporters.

Justice Mishael Cheshin, the panel's chairman, reiterated that Sharon engaged in "blatant" political propaganda in last week's news conference instead of confining himself to responding to allegations of corruption linked to a \$15 million loan to the Sharon

*This is an example of what can happen when anyone, including government controls the media.*

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*"The Oregonian" Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003*

**FCC chairman says telecom rules will not reduce choices**

WASHINGTON — The nation's top communications regulator told lawmakers Tuesday that upcoming decisions on local phone competition and media ownership will not take choices away from consumers.

"We will be guided exclusively by the public interest." Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell told the Senate Commerce Committee

The agency's decisions this year could reshape the landscape of media companies and the telecommunications industry. All five of the FCC's commissioners testified before the committee.

*If Chrm. Powell means what he said, he will limit how many TV-Radio stations a ~~single~~ single entity can own. The "FAIRNESS DOCTRINE" should be reestablished.*

*The industry deregulation has so far only increased cost to consumers, and given greater profit to TV-RADIO-TELECOM BUSINESSES.*

*Supplied by —  
Stephen Dammell  
2505 E L Ave. LaGrande, Oregon*



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