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Dear Mr. [Name],
I am writing to you regarding the [Project Name]...

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The [Project Name] is a [Project Description]...
I am pleased to announce that the [Project Name] has been confirmed for [Date]...
The [Project Name] will be held at the [Location]...
I am sure that you will find this information of interest...
If you have any questions, please contact me at [Phone Number]...
Thank you for your support.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]
[Name]
[Title]

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Dear Mr. Powell

I ask you please do not change the ownership rules for public broadcasts - If this were to happen, I fear the giant media conglomerates would have too much power over what our children do and think. Do not let the media monopolies that already exist pick and choose what goes on the public airwaves. Our country is based on freedom of speech, please do not give this freedom away.

Thank-you,
R. Houba



Mr. Randall J. Houba
PO Box 581
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HARVEY W. GIPPLE
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SUBJECT: EXCESSIVE USE OF COMMERCIAL TIME ON TELEVISION AND RADIO.

TO: THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY, COMMISSIONER 20 MAY 2003
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 12th STREET S.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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DEAR COMMISSIONER ABERNATHY;

HELP ! HELP ! HELP ! CANT YOU PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ~~USE OF COMMERCIALS ON TV AND RADIO PROGRAMMING?~~ **Distribution Center**

IT HAS GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE ALMOST 50% OF A ONE HOUR PROGRAM IS DEVOTED TO COMMERCIALS. THERE SHOULD BE A LAW LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF TIME TV AND RADIO STATIONS CAN RUN COMMERCIALS IN A ONE HOUR PERIOD.

I REALIZE THAT IS HOW THE TV & RADIO INDUSTRY MAKE THEIR MONEY-----BUT IF THEY DIDNT HAVE SO MANY OVER PAID PENCIL PUSHERS, PAPER SHUFFLERS AND BEAN COUNTERS, THEY WOULDNT NEED ALL THAT MONEY.

BEING A PREVIOUSLY LICENSED F.C.C. TELEVISION AND RADIO ENGINEER, I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE MANY BOONDOGGLES WITHIN THE INDUSTRY AND FEEL THAT ITS TIME THAT SOMEONE TOOK CONTROL OF THIS RUNAWAY INDUSTRY AND CLEANED IT UP, BOTH FINANCIALLY AND MORALLY.

THE TELEVISION AND RADIO INDUSTRY IS ONE OF THE MOST FINANCIALLY TOP-HEAVY BUSINESS'S IN OPERATION TODAY. I CANT IMAGINE PAYING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR A THIRTY SECOND COMMERCIAL. THATS A LOT OF MONEY AND YOU KNOW SOMEONE IS GETTING VERY RICH AS A RESULT.

WOULD YOU PLEASE HAVE THE COURTESY OF REPLYING TO MY LETTER. I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PROBLEM AND WHETHER YOU FEEL THERE IS A SOLUTION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE ON THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Harvey W. Gipple
HARVEY W. GIPPLE

DON GUSTAVSON

Assemblyman

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Seventy-Second Session
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Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
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The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein

I write this letter to express my concern about possible changes to the current Broadcast Ownership Rules. I am aware that you will be making a final vote on June 2nd of this year. I ask that you consider the detrimental effect this change would have in our country, and urge that you vote no.

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America was not founded on those principles. Please vote no.

Sincerely,

Don Gustavson
Nevada State Assemblyman, District 30

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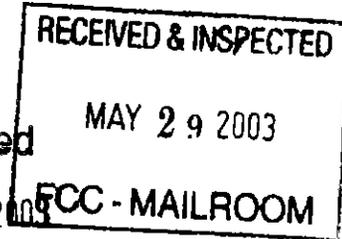
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The Honorable Jonathan S Adelstein
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Dear Sir

I oppose FCC Chairman Michael Powell's plans to loosen rules for ownership of TV stations (to be voted on June 2) This would likely lessen the diverse range of viewpoints in the media I think there is already a lack of independent voices in the media My understanding is that this upcoming vote was barely reported in the media as was news about the 1996 Telecommunications Act I believe it could be dangerous if one company owned the newspaper, broadband Internet access and a TV and radio station in one city, or that one of the major television networks could buy another.

I think it is terrible that the FCC has not even released the details of its' plans to the public or congress The FCC commissioners don't even know what they will be voting on

What I have heard about the results of FCC deregulation so far has been very negative Due to the Telecommunications Act there is now less news, local programming and diversity of programming content on radio Clear Channel has been reported to have blocked competition for concert promotions I also read that Chairman Powell wanted to change the law so that local phone monopolies could stifle competition for local telephone service

Please help stop this media deregulation and try to restore some of the old regulations

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Kashdan".

Phil Kashdan

DON GUSTAVSON

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May 20, 2003

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The Honorable Michael J Copps
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RE FCC review of broadcast ownership rules

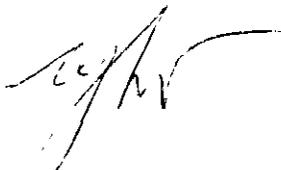
Dear Mr Copps

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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 the 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. Therefore, for the sake of 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. If this letter is not enough to convince you of the peril of relaxing these rules, then I suggest you see or rent the movie "Mr. Smith goes to Washington" starring James Stewart, 1939, to show how single ownership of all the news outlets can distort the truth and impede freedom.

Sincerely,



Mark Lockhart
LCDR/USN/Ret

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THE AIRWAYS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE
NOT TO THE CORPORATIONS!

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F.C.C.
Chairman Powell
Commissioner Abernathy
Commissioner Martin
444 12th St Wash, D.C.

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GOOD DAY,

Recently, 18,000 E-Mails were sent to you from Americans protesting further relaxation of tel communication/media laws that protect us from corporat. monopoly.

- Diversity, localism, competition = Democracy
- Consolidation, privatization, monopoly = Facism

I am extremely alarmed because the majority of the American people are unaware of this important decision being made for them without their knowledge. The mainstream media which is already controlled by large corporations, is not reporting this information. How dare you rush this meeting, & not give us a chance to have a dialogue. Either you don't care, or are being paid-off by the powers that be. BOTH ARE DESPICABLE! PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING & VOTE FOR FREEDOM!

Sincerely,
BARBARA HUNT

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Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

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Yours truly,



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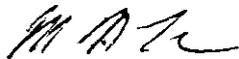
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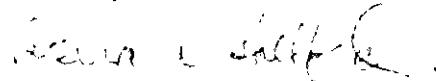
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I am asking you to do what you can to stop any relaxing of the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Americans need to hear the whole news story, not just one point of view. Please do what you can to keep the broadcast ownership protections that we have had for decades.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Debra A. Shelford
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Stephen E. Ross
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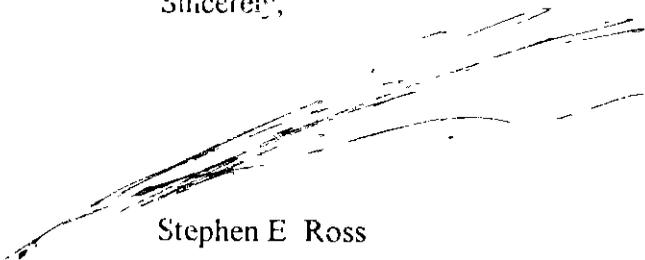
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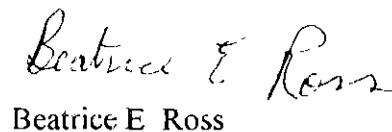
We understand that the Commission is concerning changing the rules regarding media ownership. The current rules were put in place to prevent the monopoly by media giants, thereby controlling the flow of information to the public which could then easily lead to controlling opinions on such things as the election of public officials, legal biasing, and the suppressing of debate. This could be a very dangerous precedent, and could look like a direct attack on the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The free exchange of ideas is this nation's foundation. Without it, we become the slave to the few, much like the media controlling countries of China, Iran, etc. Currently in the most populous city in the U.S., Los Angeles, has lost numerous good programming due to the consolidation of media. Print media is controlled by one corporation in Denver, Colorado. Television and radio are dominated by just a very few mega corporations (i.e. Disney, GE, etc.). Please continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy debate in our country.

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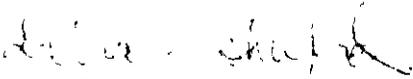
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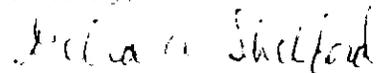
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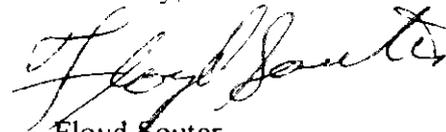
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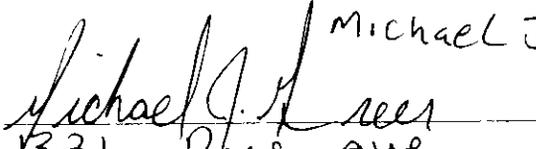
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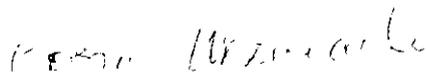
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Dear Commissioner Powell:

On June 2, the Federal Communications Commission plans to authorize sweeping changes to the American news media. The changes could allow one company in a single town -- and across many cities -- to own TV stations, newspapers, radio stations and cable providers. I believe this concentration of ownership could be deeply destructive to the freedom of the media and lead to a collapse of multiple news and information voices in our democracy. It is deeply unsettling to learn that you have decided to reject a request from two of the five FCC commissioners to delay a decision on overhauling these proposed serious changes.

I urge you to push back the vote by at least one month to allow more time to study the potential effects of easing these media ownership restrictions. I write to you as both a newspaper journalist and as a citizen who is deeply concerned about concentration of the media through monopoly in this country. Certainly, as an American in government you must understand the need for a diversity of owners in the free press as well as be aware of the risks of consolidation. I urge you to reconsider your decision.

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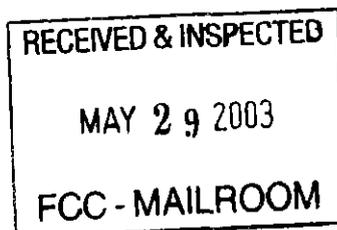


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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I strongly urge that the FCC abandon its plan to end long-standing and critical safeguards that have served as an important "check and balance" system to help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the proposal you are considering, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. This will very badly damage true media diversity and competition. A competitive and diverse media is absolutely essential to ensure an informed citizenry and a healthy and vibrant democracy.

Eliminating these last remaining protections of the public trust would constitute a complete abandonment of the FCC's mission to ensure that our airwaves, which are owned by all Americans, are used in a manner which ensures the diverse range of voices and opinions needed in a healthy democracy. Loss of these protections would constitute a huge and unacceptable giveaway of public resources and political power to a few large and powerful media companies.

Further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. Americans depend upon the media to bring us information that will allow us to make the informed choices necessary for the well-being of our nation and our future.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Most sincerely,

Fred Ward

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fred Ward".

Ruby A. Cribbin
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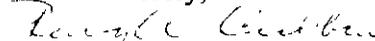
I strongly urge that the FCC abandon its plan to end long-standing and critical safeguards that have served as an important "check and balance" system to help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the proposal you are considering, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. This will very badly damage true media diversity and competition. *A competitive and diverse media is absolutely essential to ensure an informed citizenry and a healthy and vibrant democracy.*

Eliminating these last remaining protections of the public trust would constitute a complete abandonment of the FCC's mission to ensure that our airwaves, which are owned by all Americans, are used in a manner which ensures the diverse range of voices and opinions needed in a healthy democracy. Loss of these protections would constitute a huge and unacceptable giveaway of public resources and political power to a few large and powerful media companies.

Further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. Americans depend upon the media to bring us information that will allow us to make the informed choices necessary for the well-being of our nation and our future.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. *Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.*

Most sincerely,


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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
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Dear Commissioner Martin:

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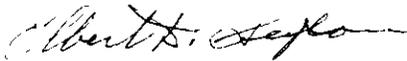
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I urge you *not* to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would lead to giant media conglomerates, which would allow them to gain total control over radio and television news and information in cities all over America. Many of the corporations now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record of attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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

Yours truly,



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Monday 19 May 2003

Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

The FCC speaks on the one hand about preserving the public interest, and on the other hand asks for arguments (supported by data, please) that reducing ownership rules would not harm the public interest so that these presumably useless rules may be reduced or eliminated (NPRM Sept '02).

The FCC is merely trying to uphold the law, but what law? The Telecommunications Act of 1996, a victory for media consolidation that contains a virus: the compulsion that every two years the FCC review every restriction of media ownership and reduce or eliminate those that are *not* demonstrably in the public interest.

The court that is holding the FCC to a strict interpretation of this law is a court that knows better than congress (which unwittingly passed the law) the intent of those who actually drafted the law. The intent? Deregulation. Neoliberalism über alles.

The NPRM reduces citizens to consumers and news to a product for sale. Media conglomerates, by being permitted to expand, will have the surplus income that will permit (and possibly) motivate them to spend it on more diverse and local product. Public interest will hereby be served. True? When pigs fly.

I submit that the monetarization of all values and the lie of the unregulated or "free" market are what fuel unrest in this country and abroad. How anyone can uphold neoliberal economic theory and also defend the public interest is beyond me.

Thus common sense and the lessons of experience are to be presumed guilty and in order to defend their innocence, every two years our officials are to be consumed with busywork, the failure of which has awesome consequences for the public good.

Deregulation has not worked for the public interest in water, in energy, or in telephony, to mention just a few areas where corporate greed has been so extreme and obvious that even the major media could not ignore it. Why should it work in media?

Tell the FCC to stop deregulation...and prepare them, yourself, and us the people for battles in court, congress, media, and venues only well-paid PR firms could dream up.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Michael Powell

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