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**From:** e281222@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 11:38 AM  
**Subject:** unbelievable decision

For years past I, at age 80, I have been bitching about our controlled news and freedom of the press is now going to be further controlled by your decision. I suspect you five people acted in concert and may have been bribed and will share in the fruits. It is a shame all five of you will not take a lie detector test which, of course, is not permissible as evidence. However, that decision about tests was also made by lawyers. Cause and effect for all of our past and future mistakes are all being made by lawyers or should I say liars. Reworking government is only reworking the mistakes made by lawyers and further work is generated for lawyers

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**From:** dennis tolbert  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10 00 PM  
**Subject:** The decision you are about to make tomorrow

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I think the decision that you're going to make tomorrow is wrong Listen to the little people We don't have a voice

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**From:** Heather Brown  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 4, 2003 12:12 PM  
**Subject:** new FCC regulations

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Dear Michael,

I'm concerned about the proposed new regulations regarding the number of TV stations one company can own. I feel this would be detrimental to the quality of news and programming put out, leading to a "monocrop" of news programs. We need a variety of voices available to us. One corporation, owning many stations does not lead to diversity. Please vote no!

Thanks,

Heather Brown  
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**From:** H Fredlund  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:45 PM  
**Subject:** We watch

Be a credit to your father. If he should ever run for office your record, your paid trips, paid for by greedy interest will certainly come back to haunt. A lot of us wish we had a vote rather than those in Congress that are supposed to be representing us. May God send America a few honest men/women. Even one would be a breath of fresh air.  
Helen V. Lindy- Fredlund

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**From:** Greer Pagano  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 1 17 PM  
**Subject:** SHAME ON YOU

MR. POWELL,  
FROM YOUR DECISION TODAY IT IS CLEAR THAT YOU HAVE NO RESPECT FOR A  
PLURALITY OF VOICES AND A MULTIPLICITY OF IDEAS SHAME ON YOU

**From:** Venkata Ramana Puppala  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 5 19 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Venkata Ramana Puppala (rpuppala@houston.rr.com) writes:

I read about you on the FCC web site. Thank you for looking after the future needs of America. The media is a miracle, in particular the medium of television

Regards,

Venkata Ramana Puppala

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**From:** Peggy Conard  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 5 18 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Peggy Conard (pegysue443@aol.com) writes

Thank you for supporting members of the public against the gross misuse of authority by Mr Powell

I was horrified when I heard what was happening. The rule changes were briefly discussed a couple of months ago on television. The Iraq war got in the way of full disclosure I guess. No weapons of mass destruction in Iraq but Iraq has become a wonderful "weapon of mass distraction" in the U.S.

The Administration must have thought no one would notice what was happening under their noses. I hope Congress will act to reverse the changes to the ownership rules.

Thank you again for your principled decision.

P S Would you share my thanks with Mr Copps, I wasn't able to access his page on the website.

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**From:** Harry Lyles  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 4 12 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Harry Lyles (hlyles@urbanradio.com) writes

Commissioner Adelstein

As a successful urban radio consultant I wanted to take a minute and express my positive opinion about your latest views about the vote the commission took. Thanks for looking out for public interest. Although the real damage was done back in '96 and the business will never be the same.

I appreciated your comments that represented the vast majority of the public I come in contact with. It was obvious to me you had done your homework on a matter that would greatly affect the public and already is.

As a minority in the communications business your comments served everyone very well. The comments and views like yours presented will help the communications business stay successful.

If I may since '96 the communications business has not been the same. We all are now served by the greedy without serving the public interest.

Again thanks,  
Harry Lyles  
President  
Lyles Consultancy  
Marietta, Ga

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Remote IP address: 24.99.57.9

**From:** Murugan Pandian  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 24, 2003 7:19 AM  
**Subject:** FCC don't allow media monopolies

Dear Commissioner Adelstein

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner Adelstein, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Murugan Pandian  
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Durham, NC 27703

**From:** MNewland@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8 17 PM  
**Subject:** No Subject

why did you sell our airwaves to the highest bidders?

**From:** MMW2000USA@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:42 AM  
**Subject:** Communications regulations

Please do not deregulate the communications industries.

An extremely concerned citizen,

Patricia Schaeffer  
850 Russell Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**From:** MMW2000USA@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:40 AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Please do not deregulate the communications industries

An extremely concerned citizen,

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850 Russell Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**From:** Michael Sikora  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:51 AM  
**Subject:** what a day

I suppose if you were building a house you would pay attention to the foundation, as a house with a poor foundation does not last long. When thinking in terms of society, information could take the place of the foundation of a house, providing the people with a sound basis from which to make relevant policy decisions. In our society however the all powerful pursuit of profit has driven our information industry straight into the toilet. Few people run the airwaves. Few decide what is and what isn't aired. These same few are worth more than many countries. These same few continue to lead our society down a short road, to a dark future. Should you cater to the interests of these powerful few, you are simply leaving the world in a less secure, more volatile environment for your children, their children, and the generations to follow. For our society to flourish, for spaceship Earth to continue to evolve and for humanity to reach a new level of civilization, this power must be divested to the people, and the gap between the haves and have nots greatly decreased. Do you care for the people of the world, of your country, and for their free minds? or do you support the trash that is strewn about our airwaves keeping people from discovering and discussing the real issues that are kept hidden?

Do the right thing

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**From:** Michael Klein  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 2:30 PM  
**Subject:** i threw out my television today .

because all that was on there was corporate crap to begin with thanks  
for ensuring that freedom and democracy continue to be sold to the highest  
bidder

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Michael Klein  
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From MDougbs@aol.com  
To Mike Powell  
cc  
Subject (no subject)

mr. powell - will you please reconsider and rethink giving our airwaves away by media consolidation it is frightening to think that the news we hear we be any more controlled than it is right now Most of the American public does not believe what is spoon fed us as it is. This consolidation will make it immeasurably worse. I cannot understand why anti trust legislation doesn't kick in please let us have different viewpoints and not controlled media by a few minority owners - that is their viewpoint. It is our country, after all

Maureen Douglass  
Denver Colorado

**From:** Maureen Wojtczak  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 12:42 AM  
**Subject:** FCC changes

Dear Chairman Powell,

I want to share my concerns regarding the planned changes with the FCC and disagree with your opinion regarding this. The American people need their voice heard and should be allowed to testify-as many of them that want to-before any changes are made. It saddens me deeply that the commission would go ahead with something like this when it is clear many American people have great concerns. I must ask, Are we still "for the people" and "By the people" government, or have we already become the "for the corporations" and "by the corporations" government? Can (or should I say WILL) the FCC really ignore the people's will on this?

Maureen Wojtczak  
a private citizen and registered republican

**From:** Lois Hendricks  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 6, 2003 1:57 PM  
**Subject:** FCC License

Dear Sir, I am concerned about the rules regarding licenses for radio and TV being changed to allow one person or company to control many or all of the stations in an area. I am concerned, because there are a lot of people who form their opinions about how to vote on hearing radio and watching TV. This means that one person or company can virtually control how people think about an issue. This is not right-we should always be able to have two or more opinions voiced. Thank you. Lois Hendricks

**From:** Linda Magill  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 4 46 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

The lack of support for your proposed changes both from the public and its representatives in Congress should result in your resignation. Your stewardship is in question, and I do not believe you can any longer function effectively at the FCC Ed Grady

**From:** Larry Tesler  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 4 10 AM  
**Subject:** Pravda and Izvestia

Honorable Commissioner Powell,

A lot of Americans are frightened by the prospect of a small number of companies controlling a large portion of our news and opinion sources. It reminds us of what it must have been like to live in the Soviet Union.

Larry Tesler

**From:** Kim Morris  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11 56 AM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

it was a very bad idea for that to pass Too few people holding too much of the information pipeline is a very very bad thing and no, i am not very articulate, but you do understand what i mean

**CC:** John Donohue, kurt, Mike Reynolds

**From:** kim lonzo  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 7:31 PM  
**Subject:** Thanks

Thanks for relaxing the rule!!! I hope you were paid well. I will be politically watching your every step from now on to see what your pay off was. It may be consulting or something else but you will screw up and I will catch you and you will be exposed as a patsy high paid but still a patsy. America will be watching you. I will make sure.

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**From:** john smith  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 2:02 AM  
**Subject:** c-span

LOL Hope you vote yes to allow more buying never before have I seen such whineing on c-span on this pending vote If the 40's-70's wasnt enough news diversity then how did these people all of a sudden find issues to debate wouldnt we all be on the same page?

John Smith Indianapolis IN

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**From:** John P Jones  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 12 11 AM  
**Subject:** YOU THREE SHOULD BE ASHAMED

You are ripping off American Citizens for their precious air waves. They belong to us, not the corporate giants

Powell, you should STEP DOWN . you are a disgrace and EVERYONE KNOWS IT !!!

This will be reversed, and you'll end up with egg on your faces!

John P Jones (57 years old, single father, American Citizen, tax payer, voter, Army veteran, patriot !!!!!!)

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB

**From:** John Dlugos  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 4 21 PM  
**Subject:** treasonous behavior!

I feel that what you and the rest of your cohorts have done is A dishonorable thing to this country, for the sake of power, ambition and financial gain I also feel you have drive'n

A nail into the coffin of free speech,as well as the freedom of expression. May the good lord have mercy on the few honorable people left. For you have certainly thrown us to the wolves.  
I wish you and yours no good will, in return for what you have done to this country.

Special Thoughts from John!

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**From:** Jesus Noriega  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:46 AM  
**Subject:** Anti-Trust?

Power in communication is already in too few hands. Clear Channel Communications runs everything already. I hear a ruling in the near future by the FCC will continue this trend of power over the airwaves in the hands of a few.

We'll have a plethora of "bogus" news like there is in most AM radio stations and Fox News. Ignorant days are ahead if this trend continues. A world less democratic, and where all voices will not be heard.

Do what's right for ALL of America. Not just the powerful few!

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**From:** Jean Smith  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10 51 AM  
**Subject:** corruption at FCC

Mr Powell

We all know who is going to benefit the most from the rule changes you have just passed. Big corporations and even your father. We know he gained a tidy profit from the AOL/Time-Warner merger that you were in favor of. Average Americans will be the ones who suffer the most from lack of true information. We will be spoon fed what the Bush Administration wants us to know and the corporations that put him in office will all be richer and will help keep him there. What has happened to our country? People all over the world hate us and it's hard to blame them in light of what we are all sitting back and watching. The arrogance is so thick you could cut it with a knife. I am disappointed in all of our elected officials and so worried about our future.

Jean Smith

**From:** jbako@msn.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 23, 2003 9:05 PM  
**Subject:** Please oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear Chairman Powell,

cc: FCC Commissioners  
cc: Sen Wyden

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to ensure that there are public hearings to discuss how such proposals will affect Oregon and the nation

Sincerely,  
Aaron Clemens  
2555 NW Savier #2  
Portland, OR 97210

**From:** JayLogic rr  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12 14 PM  
**Subject:** Mike, Who's Pocket are you in!!!

I appreciate the non-response to my previous email and concerns!

Ignorance truly is bliss! Over 99% of your fellow countrymen are against your obvious swayed values, yet your lobbied american dream prevails . I am insulted as an american for such disgrace and abuse of public power

Good Day Sir . I'm sure your career will benefit very nicely

**From:** James White  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12 04 AM  
**Subject:** air waves

please vote against any change in the rules. A change would leave to much power in the hands of only a few people

**From:** BBigert@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:48 AM  
**Subject:** Freedom Of Speech

Dear Mr Powell,

Please know that the American people want our local news to be available from more than 2 sources. If we allow this to continue to pyramid from what it is now, there will be a situation that will occur that will not be able to be fixed without a major undertaking. Looking forward at the issues that this vote could result in, would allow you to see that we already currently have issues with the current laws that are in place. Clearing a path for more of the major players to become even more saturated in our local news (television, radio, and billboards) puts even more issues on the plate.

Please reconsider your position on your vote tomorrow. The American people have always stood up for the rights of our freedom from the beginning of our heritage. This is one subject that means a lot to each and everyone of us. I live in Jacksonville, Florida and we have seen this our local news turn from 3 major television stations to 2, due to the current laws, ABC and NBC are now owned by one entity and there local news is the same on both stations, not to mention the radio stations in this city and this is just one city in the South that the laws have currently affected. What happens in a local emergency, if the station, both television and radio are the same entity that is part of the EAS and in the middle of the night, they are not even there because of the automation of their operations? With the nations' continued threats of terror, this is one area that concerns us all and should be a concern to you and your commission.

I and the American people appeal to you and your commission to act in the best interest of the American people, please preserve the freedom of speech in our local communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Renee Mainwaring

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Cops, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

Dear Mr. Powell,

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, and 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 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,

John C. Baxter  
2308 Straight Creek  
Houston, Texas 77017-6118

**From:** Barry Light  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:44 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

I am probably wasting my time writing this as it will probably not be read, and if it is it will have no meaning, Thus the sole purpose is to add this message to the ones who must tell you that you are aiding in the destruction of the little amount of democracy and freedom that exists in the USA. You are consolidating power in the industries which provides the American people the ability to see a Reality Obviously these are the people you want to have this power over us all

Your sins are very great, and your morality is very small At some point in time we will look back at how our democracy and freedom were destroyed and you will be at the forefront along with the others who used their powers to destroy this country.

Enjoy your victory. A man with no concious can enjoy anything.

Sincerely, A lowly citizen, with no power, no trust, and an abusive government

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**From:** Banditos Yanquis  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 7 49 PM  
**Subject:** I saw that you had a hard time understanding why people opposed your viewpoint

Excuse me sir, but from an outside's viewpoint, you are succumbing to the demands of the people you are charged to regulate - dosen't that strike you as a bit odd? You are supposed to be the parents in this situation and you are letting the kids tell you what to do. The fact that these "kids" are multi-billion dollar corporations only makes it all the more suspect.

Whatever happened to a government of the people, by the people, and for the people?

I guess it's more geared toward who is the richest corporation now isn't it?

Pull your head out of your ass

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