

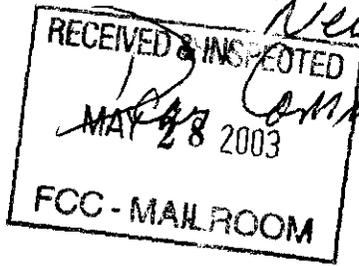
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Parent of the June 2nd decision making meeting. The increasing concentration of the communication industry in the hands of the few demands extended hearings and clarification of its implications for the public. The F.C.C. is the people's representative in making certain that our airways are not appropriated by the few. As Chairman of the F.C.C. your responsibility is to ensure the widest dissemination of views and the impact of decisions made.
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Federal Communications Commission

We want to join others who believe that FCC regulations should be in place to limit ownership by any one company, as we believe the public deserves diversity of news and entertainment, and points of view.

Presently television programming leaves so much to be desired that we find environment is best without it.

Citizens for better programming



May 16, 2003

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing this letter to voice my opposition to any effort to remove or loosen existing regulations on media ownership during the June 2, 2003 biennial review of rules the subject.

I was unable to attend the sole, official public hearing you had on the matter on February 27, 2003, in Richmond, VA, so I would like to use this opportunity to express my opinion.

It is my understanding that you stand in favor of media-industry deregulation, and I find this disappointing. The FCC essentially holds the airwaves in trust for the benefit of the public. Dissemination of information and the ability to hear diverse and diverging viewpoints is vital to a democracy. It is essential to a free and open society. As chairman of the FCC, you have a responsibility to make certain that those voices can be heard. Deregulation would drown out the rich cacophony of voices and opinions that define our nation and pave the way for greater corporate control of the airwaves and our culture.

Corporations serve only their bottom line, not the public interest. Whenever large corporations begin talking about how such deregulation would improve public service, beware. If large media conglomerates are allowed to buy entire markets, the people would have fewer choices – and fewer voices – in news. The limitations in choice along with an emphasis on money would compromise journalistic integrity.

You have even noted the dangers of unchecked media expansion. Clear Channel Communications has virtually taken over FM dial since the radio industry was deregulated in 1996. When you spoke before the Senate Commerce Committee in January, you stated that you were, "...concerned about the concentration, particularly in radio." If you are concerned about the concentration of media outlet ownership in radio, the problem will be greater if the reins are loosened on television broadcasting companies. Additionally, I fail to see how allowing newspapers to own television or radio outlets could improve news coverage.

A balanced, diverse media is a cornerstone of an open democracy. We do not need to take any steps that would harm this.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Powell:

§ I'm not sure what good it might do to write out how goes.

§ the attached items on proposed changes on media control, we do not need more consolidations, in general. please leave the present rules alone —

§ the whole TV spectrum, on another aspect, is pretty poor stuff — programming subjects and the ever worsening content of commercials — many offensive, impudent, obnoxious, intrusive. The mute switch sometimes is not enough. The TV must be turned off til they pass —

§ oh well — I've tried — You have a tough job — do your best
Yours,

Lauren McCreedy

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Targets



- ** Tax Cut Woes
- ** CONVENTION: Barney Frank to give the Call to Action
- ** Welfare needs Support

DIVERSITY IN THE MEDIA IN DANGER

Five giant corporations currently control most of the news and entertainment on television; four companies control 90% of U.S. radio, and almost all of our country's newspapers are owned by only 14 companies. The result is an obvious skewing of news coverage which is disastrous for the free flow of information.

Now, this monopoly may get even worse. If the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allows this concentration of power and influence to continue, independent voices will have virtually no medium in which to express their ideas or even to get unbiased news.

On June 2, the FCC — the government body entrusted with ensuring that the media “serve the public interest” — will review the existing regulations that keep massive conglomerates from gobbling up even more media properties.

For instance, Clear Channel Communications owned 40 radio stations before the 1996 Telecommunications Act slashed FCC regulations. Now, Clear Channel owns 1,200-plus stations (nearly 5 times more than its closest competitor) and uses its control for pro-war rallies and to ban songs by outspoken musicians like the Dixie Chicks.

The following are the six media regulations currently up for reconsideration: *lets leave alone*

1. One company cannot own both a TV station and a newspaper in the same market;
2. One company can own a limited number of radio stations in a single market;
3. One single broadcaster cannot own multiple TV stations that together reach more than 35 percent of households in the U.S.;
4. One company cannot own two TV stations in a single market (with some exceptions for larger markets);
5. One company can own a limited number of both radio and TV stations in a single market;
6. Two or more of the major broadcasters cannot merge or be owned by a single entity.

The FCC has not made its mind up yet, but it's certainly leaning in favor of corporate interests. Let's remind them who they work for — the people.

ADAction: Contact the FCC and ask them keep these regulations in place, and keep them strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources. Contact Commissioners by email at: Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov, Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov, Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov, Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov, Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov or by phone at 1-888-225-5322

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SENATE USES ACCOUNTING TRICKS TO PASS \$350 MILLION TAX CUT

Late Thursday evening, the Senate approved tax cuts of \$350 billion. The Senate version of this tax bill will now have to be reconciled with the \$550 billion House version passed earlier. After making promises and assurances that no tax cut package would cost more than \$350 billion, the Senate had to require time expirations and gradual phase-ins for some of its proposals in order to keep the total 10-year cost under that promised amount. It is widely presumed that proponents of a larger tax cut will work to eliminate these restrictions and, thereby, greatly increase the burden the cut will place on the federal deficit.

The Senate version, like its companion in the House, includes a dividend tax cut after Vice President Cheney cast the deciding ye for a 51-50 vote. With that vote Cheney secured more than \$100,000 in tax cuts for himself.

In addition to giving tax breaks on dividend income, the House and Senate proposal both reduce tax rates, increase the standard deduction for married couples filing jointly, increase the child tax credit, and increase deductions for business equipment purchases.

The plans differ in how some of the proposals will be administered and for what length of time. The Senate also included an aid package for states. The Senate approved \$20 billion in aid with \$10 billion for Medicaid assistance, \$4 billion for local and \$6 billion for state governments. This aid is the lone bright spot in an otherwise gloomy bill.

ADAction: Changes are inevitable as the House/Senate Conference Committee deliberates over the reconciliation. Contact your Senators and Representative and urge them to support neither version of this dangerous legislation or, at the very least, to support the Senate version as a lesser of two evils.

Quote of the Week

"I have put out an all-points bulletin for law enforcement to be on the look out for politicians in favor of health care for the needy and against tax cuts for the wealthy,"

New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid's response to being asked to help finding missing Texas House Democrats who were protesting heavy-handed Republican leadership

WELFARE REAUTHORIZATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Finance Committee continues its work on the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and nears mark-up of a bill.

ADAction: Urge the members of the Senate Finance Committee to stand up for women and children.

A responsible welfare reauthorization must:

· **Help recipients to work.** The emphasis must be on ending poverty rather than reducing the caseload. This includes meaningful and gainful employment in occupations in which jobs are available and that pay wages sufficient to support a family.

· **Maintain current work requirements.** Required work participation must not exceed 30 hours, and states must not be forced to meet unreasonable participation requirements.

· **Ensure that children are properly cared for.** Adequate funds must go to quality childcare assistance for those on welfare and those moving to employment.

· **Protect women and their children against domestic**

and sexual violence. The majority of welfare recipients are victims or survivors of domestic or sexual violence and can be helped with the universal adoption of the Family Violence Option.

· **Use funds on responsible programs and initiatives.** With a sluggish economy and states in tremendous fiscal crisis, TANF funds on federal, state and local levels must be used sensibly.

· **Include legal immigrants and their families.** The ban on assistance to legal immigrants must be lifted. Those entering and living in this country legally must be given the support they need to lift themselves out of poverty and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

· **Assure fairness in the sanction and application processes.** Eligible applicants must be informed of their rights to receive benefits. Welfare recipients who fail to meet program requirements must be given adequate notice of their noncompliance.

DANGERS TO MEDICARE

Dr. Jerome Liebman and ADA Legislative Director Darryl Fagin have put together a Policy Brief on the perils facing Medicare under the Bush Administration and what proposals should and should not be supported.

The report is made available through the ADA Education Fund and can be accessed online at www.adaction.org/MedicareBrief503.pdf

You may also receive the Medicare Policy Brief in print for only \$5 by calling 202-785-5980 or mail us at:

ADA, 1625 K Street, NW, #210, Washington, DC 20006

Legislative Briefs:

* Minimum Wage Legislation has been revived. S. 224, introduced in the Senate by Thomas Daschle (D-SD) and H.R. 965, introduced by Rep. George Miller (D-CA) would seek to raise the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.65 within 14 months of enactment. Support these modest increases to help families keep up.

* The Senate is expected to vote on the annual military (defense) authorization bill as early as next week (week of May 19). Tucked deep within the proposed bill are two dangerous provisions. One would increase funding for a bunker buster new nuclear weapon, called the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator (RNEP). The other would repeal a 1993 law, the Spratt-Furse provision, that bans low-yield nuclear weapons, known as "mini-nukes." These initiatives would put at risk international efforts to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

ADA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The stellar line-up includes **Reps. Rosa DeLauro, Dennis Kucinich, Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Barney Frank, and Jim McDermott**, along with **author and activist Arianna Huffington, James K. Galbraith** and more.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

The 56th Annual Convention is coming up and we need your active participation to push back the conservative onslaught of the White House and Conservative Congress.

When: Thursday June 26th - Sunday June 29th, 2003

Where: The Governor's House Hotel, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Rates: \$149/night

Reservations: 1-800-821-4367 (Reference the ADA National Convention)

The Banquet will be Friday, June 27 at the Westin Embassy Row.

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Draft Agenda is online at

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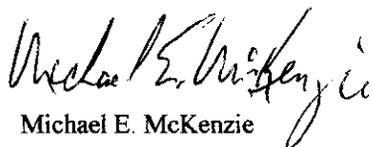
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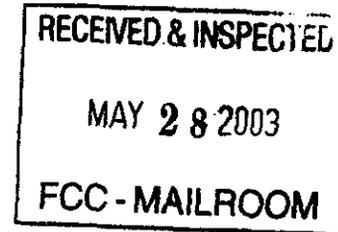

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Dear Chairman Powell and fellow commissioners,

I urge you to reject the proposed rule changes, relaxing restrictions on media ownership, which you are scheduled to consider on June 2.

If anything, restrictions on media ownership should be tightened in order to reverse the growing monopolization of media outlets, which threatens both consumer choice and the free exchange of information, analysis, and views vital to a democratic society.

The relaxation of radio station ownership rules by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has already led to domination of many local markets by Clear Channel, which has grown from 40 to 1,225 stations. Further rule relaxation would open other media to monopolization.

Free markets only function if information flows freely and monopolies are prevented. Because of the vital role the media play in a democratic society, preventing media consolidation is of particular importance.

Broadcast frequencies are owned by the public and licensed to their users. It is the duty of Congress and the FCC to see that licensing rules and practices preserve a free media marketplace.

Mary Miller



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Dear Commissioner Martin:

Thank you for sharing your insights on the FCC at NCEITA's *TopTech 2003: NC Innovation/Global Opportunities*. This year's conference was a great success and your participation was a vital part of that success.

The agenda included top-level thought leaders; panel discussions with industry visionaries; and highlights of emerging technologies and trends. Add in the great networking opportunities and it is clear that *TopTech 2003* added to its reputation as the preeminent technology conference in the Southeast. We have received a great deal of praise from all who attended.

We are honored that you joined us as a featured speaker for *TopTech 2003*. We thank you again for your participation, and look forward to working with you in the future. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan P.H. Myers
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Thank you so much!

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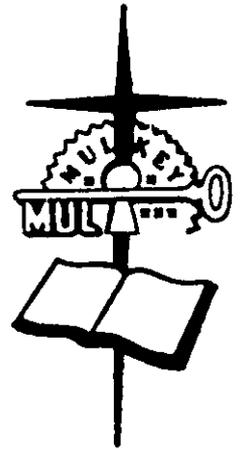
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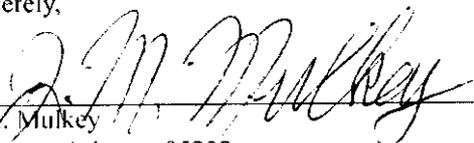
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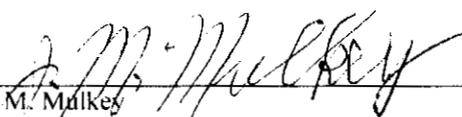
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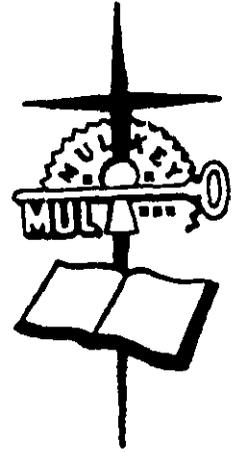


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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Martin:

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Thank you.

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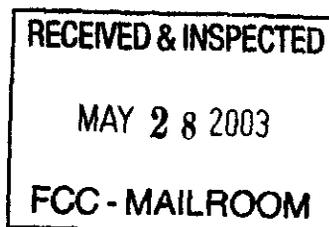
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Commissioner Kathleen Q Abernathy
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445 12th Street, S.W.
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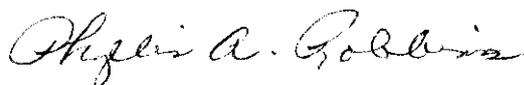
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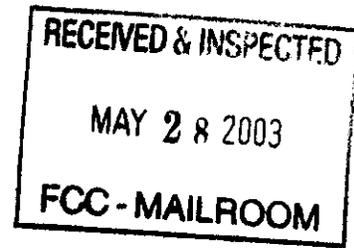
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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
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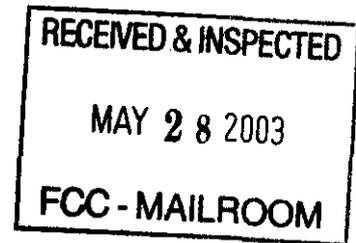
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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

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.

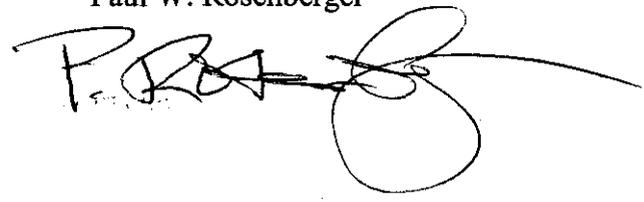
Eliminating these last remaining protections of the public trust would constitute a complete abandonment of the FCC's mission to ensure that our airwaves, which are owned by all Americans, are used in a manner which ensures the diverse range of voices and opinions needed in a healthy democracy. Loss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

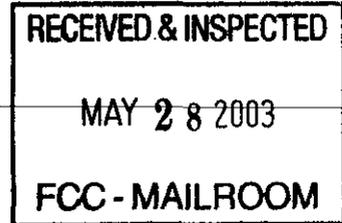
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