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May 16, 2003

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
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445 12<sup>TH</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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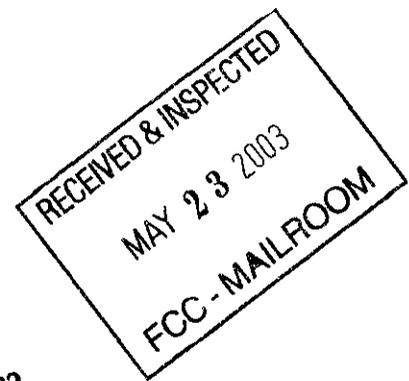
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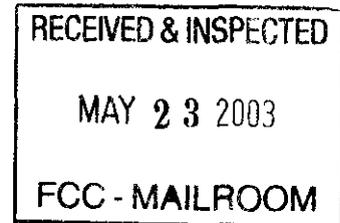
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May 21, 2003

Michael K. Powell, Chairman; Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner; Michael J. Copps, Commissioner;  
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RE: NO ON FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES ON JUNE 2

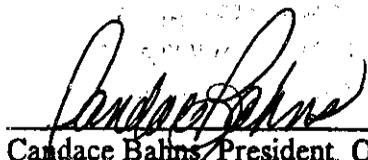
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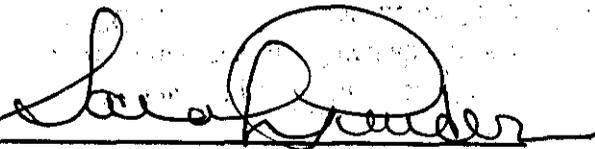
We are students, faculty, and staff at El Dorado Center of Cosumnes River College within the Los Rios Community College District which represents about 70,000 adult students (eligible voters). This is the fifth largest community college district in the United States of America. Too few TV and radio stations have provided information on the FCC June 2 vote as to whether the five entities who now control essentially all of the corporate media in America should be even further consolidated to allow one corporate entity to control 35% of the media.

Commissioner Michael Copps has provided information via town hall-type meetings on the significance of this vote which would reduce even further the little media diversity now available in America. The fact that so very few citizens are even aware of this significant FCC vote is proof that the media is already too consolidated in the hands of a very few corporations. The few media coverages some of us have seen have been on at 11 p.m.; why is this information not on the prime time news on ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox 40, and CNN?

The Director of the D.C. based Center for Public Integrity echoes Commissioner Copps concerns, along with many bi-partisan congressional members: the consequences of this vote have neither been adequately assessed nor made adequately available to the American public. The Republican Senator from Maine, Senator Olympia Snowe, has also expressed these same views in the Senate Commerce Committee regarding media ownership rules. In contrast, the president of Viacom, pushing for the vote for 35% ownership and increased control by even fewer corporate holders, is much less representative of the American citizens than is Senator Snowe, an elected representative of the people. More than one citizen, familiar with the Eugene McCarthy purges, have equated those anti-American purges with this issue of elimination of true choice/alternative points of view within the already selectively slanted corporate media. They see the McCarthy purges as child's play compared to the results of the American media being in the hands of now less than five people. Please see attached voter sheets with signatures and addresses.

Sincerely,

  
Candace Balms, President, Outdoors Club

  
Dr. Sarah Pender, Advisor, Outdoors Club

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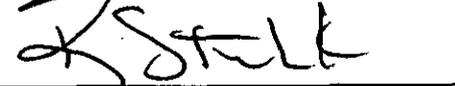
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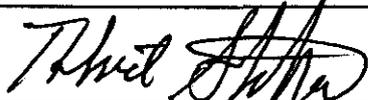
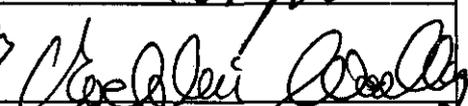
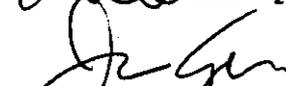
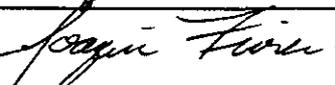
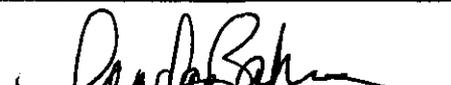
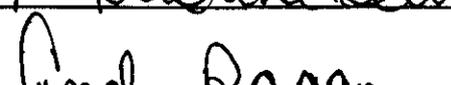
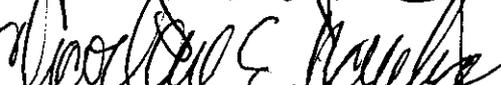
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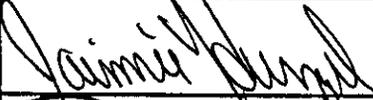
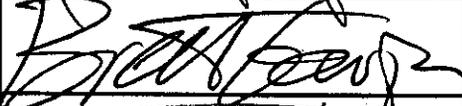
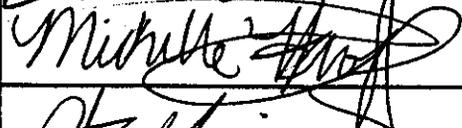
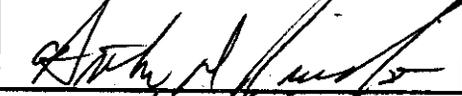
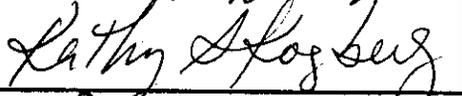
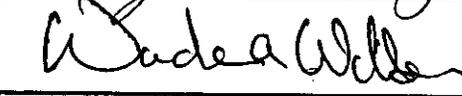
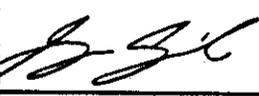
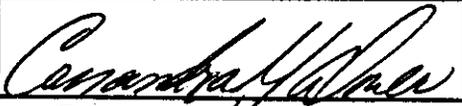
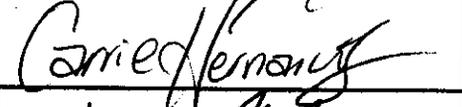
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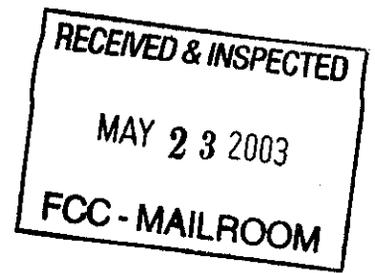
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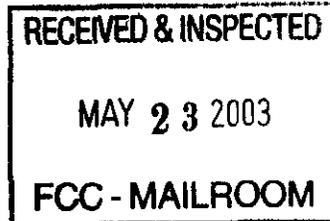
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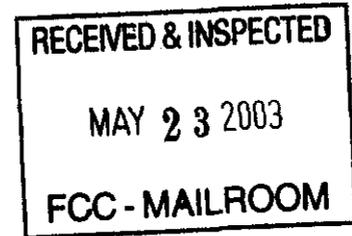
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Washington, DC 20535

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I have been contacted by the Department of Justice regarding the proposed merger between  
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Dear Ms Abernathy, **Distribution Center**

It has come to my attention that AOL Time Warner, Viacom and Disney among other media companies, have asked the **FCC** to make sweeping changes to the "Broadcast Ownership Rules".

Relaxing these rules would provide these, already, **powerful** companies with unlimited control... control of information, control of who gets to exercise freedom of speech, control of hearts and minds. Remember that the digital spectrum was given free of charge to these communication giants by the US. Congress. What? are you surprised I knew about that? You should be.

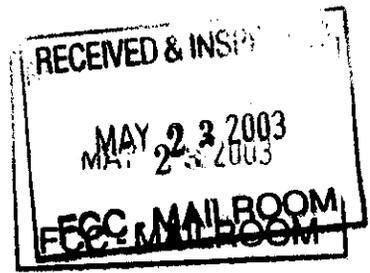
These very same media companies barely mentioned this give away in their news outlets. They didn't allow any strong voice to speak out against giving billions of dollars worth of the citizens property to these already wealthy companies.

This is only one example of the media controlling information and manipulating the "People" to further its own self interest and promoting the social/political agenda of its officers.

Please do your job and protect the interest of the "People". These companies have shown that they will abuse their power. Giving them more power to control free speech on a national and worldwide level would undermine the very foundation of the constitution.

Sincerely, Prentice Crawford

P.S. I haven't seen a single news report debating the pros and cons of changing the "Broadcast Ownership Rules"; have you?



Tioga, Pa.  
May 9, 2003

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I understand the present ban of cross-ownership of media sources was intended to have information provided by a diversity of owners and to ensure that when Americans turn on the TV, they're exposed to an array of ideas, representing the full spectrum of political thought.

In addition to forbidding a company from owning two major TV stations in the same market, or a major newspaper and a top station, the rules also put a 35 percent cap on how much of the public one network can reach.

I fear that if the present cross-ownership rules are dropped we will have just a few people make the decision about the news and opinions all of us are permitted to hear.

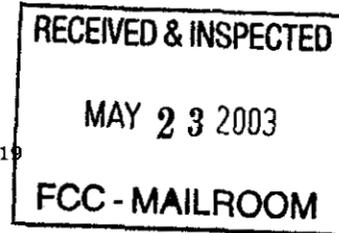
This would be almost as bad as having the government control the information content.

Please keep the media cross-ownership ban in effect.

Thank you,

James P. Condict

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Gentlemen & MRS. Obernathy -

The proposed relaxation of broadcast ownership rules would further concentrate control of news and information into the hands of a very limited group -

Public TV and radio information is already concentrated in a significant way in a certain ideological and political philosophy.

Permitting further concentration of information sources would seriously undermine the ability of the American people to secure the freedoms which the Constitution insures.

Instead of relaxing broadcast ownership rules, they should be strengthened to protect the public's right to know!

W. H. Copeland

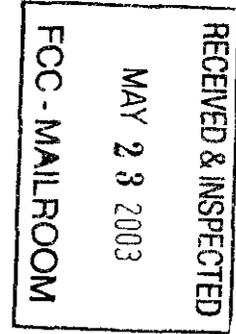
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May 15, 2003

Mr. Michael Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I write to implore you not to announce the new rules that have made news recently.

The healthy profits of most media businesses hardly argue for the opportunity to consolidate and stifle even more.

If you go ahead, I expect your place in history will be as the man who made it possible for media executives to strangle American journalism — the coup de grace, so to speak — and in so doing, make our democracy less dynamic and never-again progressive.

Not much of a legacy.

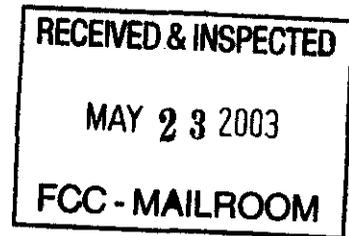
What you propose cannot be given a test drive because there is no way to undo what will happen; divestiture would be out of the question later on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles K. Coates".

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May 13, 2003

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

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

Several years ago I personally saw NPR radio take Cal Thomas off the air because his conservative views did not **align** with NPR Radio views. NPR actually said this on the air when we tuned in to hear Mr. Thomas. Many of the media 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.

Therefore, I urge you **to continue the broadcast ownership protections that have helped to ensure a healthy debate in our country.**

Sincerely,

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Judith J. Duda

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Honorable Michael Powell  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

Regarding your meeting on June 2, 2003. I am asking you not to relax or get rid of rules that allow more media concentration. We do not need more media consolidation we need more diversity, local control and competitive media.

Without access to fair and balanced news our democracy does not work.

Deregulation creates a few corporations that control too much power in the market place. Government regulation is essential to prevent media companies from controlling everything we see, read and hear

Sincerely,

  
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