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Commissioner Michael Copps
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Re: Make Your Voice Heard on Media Diversity Before It's Too Late!

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The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,



Norma Karg

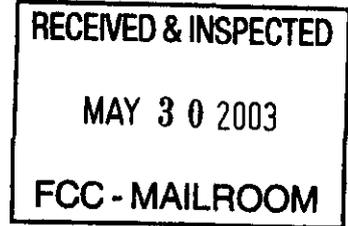
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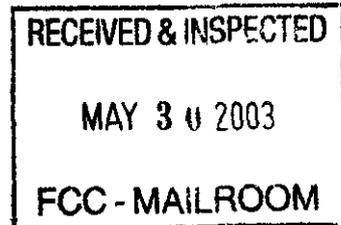
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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

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,

Suzanne Beers



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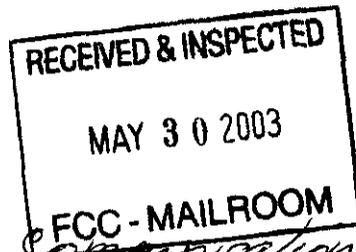
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Dear Secretary Dutch -

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed FCC changes that would allow even greater concentration of ownership of TV & radio stations as well as newspapers & cable providers. I consider this a danger to a free, open press that represents a diversity of points of view.

Thank you for any consideration of this matter. I appreciate your attention to my concern.

Sincerely,
Judy Burris



5/21/03

Federal ~~Communications Commission~~
445-12th Street
Washington, D.C. 20534

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This is to let you know
I am against the proposed
ruling to deregulate ownership
of the media (radio, TV,
newspapers). You all must
know it would soon end
up with ownership ^{by} a
small monopoly and this
would mean far less
democracy.

Johns Truly,
D. R. Cutler
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Chairman Michael Powell
FCC
445 12th St SW
Washington DC 20554

Mr. Chairman:

I am one of the millions of public voices for which you have shown so much contempt. I am one of the millions of public voices who are tired of the monopolistic manipulation of your powers. TV, the airwaves, publishing are avenues of free speech, and you are letting them be controlled by 5 conglomerates. I don't think that the Framers of the Bill of Rights had this in mind when they wrote the First Amendment.

I agree with Cozzis and Adelstein: delay the 2 June vote 32 days for debate and analysis. You owe it to the Framers. You owe it to the millions of our public voices.

Sincerely,
Christie Here

May 19, 2003



To whom it may concern:

I am writing to urge you to vote or work not to let the FCC deregulate the media industry. We need all the local newspaper, TV and radio station we can have. We do not need more media giants with no diversity. Few media companies mean few jobs and fewer choices.

Please think of your future, your interest in diversity and the public need.

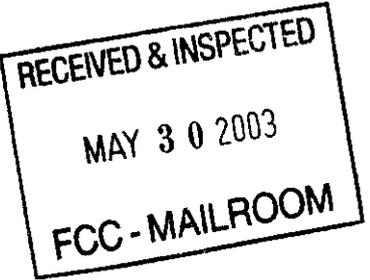
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Angela M. Hibbard, IHM
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To the directors.

I am writing as an advocate for continued federal regulation of the communications industry. I am aware that this very wealthy and powerful industry is strongly advocating de-regulation, but I believe it would be a disaster if a handful of corporations controlled radio, television, and other communications media markets even more than they currently do

As you see from my address, I live in Detroit. Several years ago when you first loosened the rules and media conglomerates began to gobble up multiple stations in a geographic area, we lost Detroit's only classical music station because it wasn't profitable. Now I listen to public radio, since they provide a mix of news -- including local news, a wide variety of music, and thoughtful commentary. Of course we Detroiters have to pay for this station ourselves, since government sponsorship has shrunk to less than 10% of their budget.

When profit governs the airwaves, the people lose variety in broadcasting. More importantly, their primary way to get desperately important information will be compromised. This second point was dramatically demonstrated during the winter when people suffered permanent injury and death because no radio station in their town was able to inform citizens of a chemical spill from a train wreck. I'm sure broadcasters and the FCC don't accept responsibility for this public health disaster, but I think you and they should examine your consciences a little more deeply

Years ago I was taught to look at questions of public policy through the following three questions: Who wins? Who loses? Who pays? If the FCC grants even more deregulation than we currently have on June 2, the broadcasters' bank accounts win, the public loses -- and the public pays in multiple ways beyond their pocket books. The people who are permanently blinded and the friends and families of those who died from the ammonia spill will pay for the rest of their lives.

I urge you to allow thorough public debate over this issue. The airwaves belong in the hands of the public, not in the hands of people whose primary motivation is the bottom line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela M. Hibbard".

Angela M. Hibbard

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Re: **FCC Cross-Media Ownership Rules Proceeding 02-277**

Dear Working Group,

I am a 34 year-old citizen of Portland, Oregon. I oppose relaxing and deregulating existing Federal Communications Commission rules for media ownership.

Why is it reasonable to favor a giant to be more giant? If one favors competition and free-markets, how is encouraging cross-media ownership improving the market? Cross-media ownerships will open the path of market control by sheer domination. Seeking market control by changing the rules is a lazy person's business plan.

Radio station play-list diversity is already limited in the Oregon metropolis of 1.5 million people. There is more interesting radio in Eugene, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. The recording industry is suffering because it's diverse range of artists cannot be heard on radio. People buy music when they can hear it for free on the public air waves. Every year, because of radio station consolidation, the possibility of me hearing new music diminishes

I am writing to you to VOTE NO on radically changing media ownership policies. There are proven historical reasons why the FCC established limits on media ownership. If the current media owners can't expand, then that is a signal these accomplished owners need to master a different business, or find other legitimate and ingenious means to expand their business **WITHOUT CHANGING THE RULES!**

Sincerely,



Dan Heinzkill

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To the FCC:

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I am very concerned both by the changes in media ownership rules that you are currently considering, and equally concerned by the repeated lack of interest in substantive public comment that Chairman Powell has shown throughout this process. It's become quite clear that these changes are driven by ideology and not by the reality in the entertainment industry

I'm an actor and have been keenly aware how similar recent changes in the rules have affected my industry. When the limits on network ownership of shows on their schedules were eased, we were assured there would be no deleterious effects, and instead there has been a seismic and damaging shift in power from the producers to the exhibitors. When the Telecommunications Act of 1996 loosened rules on radio ownership, again we were assured only good could flow from this, and instead we've watched Clear Channel Communications grow into a virtual monopoly, with a serious erosion in choice and local content.

And now we are assured that there is so much diversity in the marketplace (a serious misreading of the reality in cable and broadcast television) that easing the rules cannot possibly have any ill effects. Will you truly be astounded when the same thing happens in television and print media that has already happened in radio? Or will you simply not care?

And, by the way, the method of counting UHF viewers to allow an even wider grab by the primary media companies, is just plain cynical and insulting, as is the explanation for using this count.

I can only hope Congress will show more responsibility in this matter.

Sincerely,

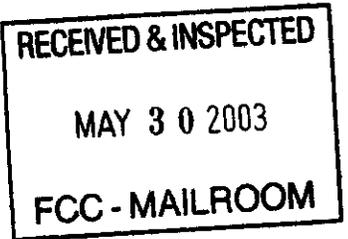
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Mr Zeljko Ivanek
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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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Mr. Powell

As a musician I would like to express my concern about the proposed FCC rule change on June 2nd. It is a very difficult process for me to gain any relevant airplay for my music on local radio. However, I see this difficult task becoming an impossibility if the ownership of local stations changes hands into those of corporate giants. Trying to pursue my musical dreams continues to become more difficult due to online file sharing. It is difficult to sell music without radio airplay, and I do not see this opportunity being available if the big corporations take over small town radio stations.

Another concern that I have on the matter is that of one-sided stories in the media. I am concerned that *all* viewpoints will not be equally represented when controversial subjects are the topic. As a responsible owner of firearms, I am aware of the weighted media coverage toward the idea that firearms are problematic. It is my strong belief that this topic among others will continue to be portrayed in a light that is chosen by the media giants. The portrayal of controversial subjects by the media does affect the way many individuals form their viewpoints. Therefore, it is extremely important that you make sure "freedom of the press" rather than control of the press continues to exist.

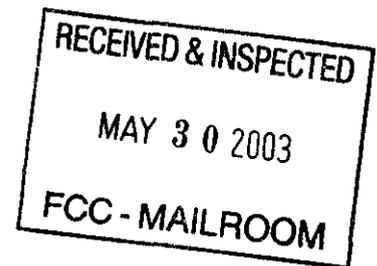
Please consider my concerns when making your decisions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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RE: Comments Against Relaxing Media Concentration Rules

Dear Commission Members:

I am not involved in the communications industry, other than as a public consumer. I have been following the rush to allow greater commercial concentration of the broadcast industry by relaxing the cross-ownership and concentration rules. In my community, I have seen Clear Channel moving in on a statewide basis and eliminating public access to the airwaves.

The importance of vibrant free speech and free press, as a fundamental obligation of your organization, transcends the financial grabbing by Clear Channel, Viacom, and other large conglomerates. You should be setting policies to protect the public, not to protect these large and financially oriented institutions. Somewhere the public should be served, and it is not served by allowing large corporations to maximize their return. I hope the FCC will reject this plan. There is no excuse for increasing corporate censorship of the public over the public's airwaves

I would appreciate being placed on your mailing list for information regarding this and future related topics.

The disappointment with federal regulations going back to the SEC and the collapses of WorldCom, Global Crossing, and others, and that impact on investors, is now being duplicated by this proposal at the FCC. Serve the public, not the corporations—no matter how much money you are offered now and in the future. Do not relax the rules on cross-ownership. They should be strengthened and enforced.

Very truly yours,

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To Chairman Michael Powell:

I am deeply concerned by the Bush Administration's energy plan to gut nuclear safety standards, roll back environmental protections, cut investments in renewable energy and improved efficiency, and give away billions of dollars to the energy industry.

I urge you to stop this fatally flawed plan and work for an alternative that protects the health and safety of consumers and preserves our national treasure.

Sincerely

Emily Lynch
Stonington
Connecticut

*This is worth considering.
In a dictatorship there
is only one voice.
Should we move in that
direction in USA?*

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Tell FCC not to change
ownership regulations

Freedom is in the air these days. But as our government savors victory abroad, it is considering reducing our freedom in a specific way at home.

The PBS program "Now" issued a wake-up call May 2. Within a month, the American system of broadcasting may be subject to a structural change that threatens the free flow of communication.

Some 70 years ago our nation decided that the air waves were public property not private. Although frequencies could be allocated to private companies, licensing would be necessary to assure that stations operated in the public interest.

Now the Federal Communications Commission may drop the regulation that no single company can own all of the radio and television outlets in a community. The public interest is indeed jeopardized when a major source of news and information can be controlled by a monopoly.

This danger has received little attention. No widespread public hearings have been held. We urge citizens to strike a blow for freedom of communication by notifying the FCC — 445 12th St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554 — that this particular deregulation should be derailed.

Ralph and Ellen Smith
Bloomington

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please stop the changing of the six FCC rules (shown below), which empower the FCC to allow companies to own more media outlets/types of media outlets – e.g., allow TV station owners to own radio stations. This will allow further monopolization of media outlets and result in the reduction of the number of points of view expressed through these outlets. Please support the extension of the decision on these six FCC rules for a year. The preservation of these six rules is important for free speech and our democracy.

- **Broadcast-Newspaper Cross-Ownership Prohibition (1975)** Bans ownership of both a newspaper and a television station in the same market.
- **National Television Ownership Rule (1941)** A broadcaster cannot own television stations that reach more than 35% of the nation's homes.
- **Dual Network Rule (1946)** - No entity can own more than one major television network.
- **Local Television Ownership Rule (1964)** - A broadcaster can't own more than one of the top four stations in a single market.
- **Local Radio Ownership Rule (1941)** - Limits the number of radio stations any one entity can own in a single market.
- **Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule (1970)** - Limits the number of TV and radio stations a single entity can own in any given market.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Chairman Powell:

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Kindly read the attached article and explain to me how loosening the rules is in the public interest.

I firmly believe that your commission is poised to make an error that does not reflect the wishes of the public whom you are privileged to represent.

I also am convinced that changing the media ownership rules will benefit large corporations at the expense of that same public.

I strongly urge you and your fellow commissioners to refrain from changing these rules.

Sincerely,



Christopher Meindl

Encl.

cc: Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Michael J. Copps
Kevin J. Martin
Jonathan A. Adelstein



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HOWARD ROSENBERG

In media, Goliath edging out David

I watch KTLA's 10 p.m. news when I can. Not because it's a good newscast. It isn't, unless you think gorging on crime polishes your intellect. And not because I look forward to Hal Fishman's stuffed-shirt commentaries or Mindy Burbano's giddy entertainment dish. I don't, unless dying for a laugh.

No, I watch KTLA to find out what my favorite paper, the Los Angeles Times, is writing about the next day. Listen:

"The Times reports."
"A congressional official told The Times."

"That's the very latest from the news desk here at the Los Angeles Times."

From his lips to your ears. On the screen is Ron Olsen, a KTLA veteran who is that rare specialist on a news staff of pop-in, pop-out generalists. His specialty — the culmination of his seasoning and expertise after many years in the business — is the front page of *The Times*. From his permanent, camera-ready position inside the paper's newsroom, he covers our coverage. It's a dirty job.

There's a positive effect. By capsulizing some of our lead stories for KTLA viewers, Olsen does supply snippets — albeit without context — that his station could not acquire on its own. It hasn't the talent or the inclination.

Mostly, though, he functions as an advertisement for this paper. As a Tribune stockholder, I'm thrilled. As a concerned media observer, I'm not.

Now, think about it. Like other stations in town, KTLA has no one permanently based in Sacramento, the state capital, where critical decisions about California are made and cry out for close scrutiny and smart analysis.

But it's got a guy at *The Times*. Because he doesn't have to hop a plane to get there? Yeah, maybe. But mostly because KTLA and *The Times* are both owned by my favorite media corporation, the beloved Tribune Co.

Just as Los Angeles stations

their newscasts. As in KCBS anchor Harold Greene crowing on KCAL about his own newscast: "Those stories and more just minutes away on CBS2 news."

Isn't deregulation great? And don't we need more of it?

I mention this now because we may be at a critical crossroads on this issue. Led by its chairman, Michael K. Powell, the Federal Communications Commission is expected to vote June 2 to loosen rules governing media cross-ownership.

Bad idea. Terrible idea. Tribune and bigger media companies are cheering, but many watchdog and consumer groups are opposed, arguing correctly that most of the proposed revisions would ultimately harm the public by limiting public discourse.

The vote is expected to be 3 to 2 in favor of a rollback, on grounds that these regulations, imposed in an earlier, quantum communications era, ignore the wider spectrum of choices now available through cable and the Internet. Yet this is largely a phantom rainbow, for these new technologies have increasingly come under the control of the same media giants who would benefit most from loosened regulations.

All right, you're yawning. It's dry stuff. You're as underwhelmed as when Fishman's commentaries remind you of Beethoven's Fifth played on a xylophone.

But this must be stopped. Expected to fall is a rule barring a single company from owning TV stations that reach more than 35% of U.S. households. That would rise to 45% meaning that giant networks would be able to scoop up more stations, and in doing so potentially limit local control of programming. That centralized iron fist should worry you whether you're liberal or conservative or someone in between.

Immediately benefiting would be Viacom (owner of CBS, MTV and UPN) and News Corp. (owner of Fox and its minions). Although mergers have left them above the 35% limit, they

owning *The Times* and KTLA because it, too, has an FCC waiver (as does News Corp. to own the *New York Post*) in all but the smallest of markets.

In addition, another reported proposal would allow a company to own more than one station in a market, as Viacom and News Corp. do here, and up to three in the nation's largest markets. That means, presumably, that Tribune would be able to own not only *The Times* and KTLA but two additional TV stations in Los Angeles, raising the prospect of Olsen, our man in the newsroom, speaking to L.A. from a trio of stations instead of just one.

If these proposals come through, as anticipated, a door will swing open to allow more unhealthy consolidation, and the L.A. duopolies cited above would be in stone, as would be an NBC triopoly under a waiver. It has here to own KNBC and Spanish-language Telemundo and KWHY.

Meaning more media control in fewer hands. Meaning more cross-promotion. Meaning less diversity. Meaning fewer independent voices in news and entertainment. Meaning less competition and fewer options for information.

It's true that what we have now is often unreliable, a fact underlined by tag-along TV's generally feckless, ever-manipulated, go-with-the-flow yassah-Mr. President coverage of the war in Iraq and its aftermath. Everyone would profit if the quality of today's journalism were higher.

Diverse media, however imperfect, are essential to us all, however.

If Powell and his allies hold sway on these proposed revisions, America will find itself walking a perilous high wire from which its democracy may someday topple. This is not hysteria, it's what may happen.

Can we in the media be counted on to act responsibly with so many masters to serve?

Another daily I subscribe to is the *Ventura County Star*, a paper with many good qualities. Curiously, though, it runs news stories and columns about cable's Home & Garden Television, in addition to giving special prominence to HGTV and Food Network programs in its TV highlights on a daily basis. If you're wondering why, one possibility is that HGTV and the Food Network are distributed by E.W. Scripps Co., the same company that publishes the *Ventura County Star*.

Meanwhile, be sure and catch the best of the Los Angeles Times on KTLA.

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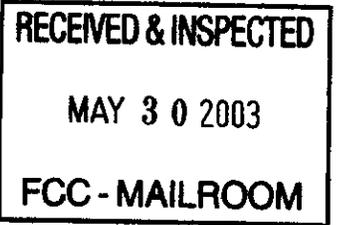
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/Does anyone remember when radio and TV stations were licensed to broadcast in the public interest?? Today, the only interest station owners have is how much interest their stations are earning, not what impact they are having on the community they are licensed to serve. Having just completed a career of more than 45 years in small market radio I cringe at some of the things I'm hearing from the eight or more Clear Channel stations serving this market. Some of the other stations being served by satellite rather than live local announcers aren't much better. I think back to my announcing classes at SF State where we were told that as an announcer on the radio or on TV we were guests in our listeners homes and we should definitely not go in and CRAP on their floor I shouldn't just mention local radio because the same thing is happening on television—only worse. By the way, I had a morning program playing nostalgia music along with local information etc.when Clear Channel in its wisdom decided to simulcast sports talk 24 hours a day, leaving a large segment of the population looking for someone else to give them the time, weather music they enjoy, and other information need to start their day. I think under the present leadership, the FCC has totally lost its focus on what their job is, or was, in the first place. I just pray this madness is reversed before we all walk in lockstep thanks to the select group of broadcasters who will control the public by controlling the public airwaves. CONTROL...that's what it's all about.

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman

The giant media firms want to have total control of all broadcast programs.

The proposed changes would allow these couple of giant media conglomerates to gain total control of radio and television news and information. This would eliminate local news and opinions that directly involve areas like Sonoma California where I live.

As a tax paying American, I deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues as well as local issues that do not concern anyone outside of my area. Therefore, I urge you to continue the broadcast oversight protections that, for decades, have ensured healthy and opposing ideas & broadcasting.

I am a retired sales engineer-design engineer who enjoys the morning news & evening on local and national levels.

Sincerely,
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I am writing on behalf of the Green Party of Pima County to express opposition to the procedure being utilized to relax the Federal Communication Commission regulations. It is appalling that we, the American public, cannot even know the nature of these changes prior to the vote in the FCC that will change these rules forever. As citizens of the United States, we the people are the common owners of the airwaves and therefore should have some say in how the government allocates the use of those airwaves. By closing the hearing process, you are closing off the overall democratic process as well

The GPPC had a vested interest in the way the media conducts itself. Because of the structure of our political system, we already have little opportunity to express our opinion through the media. We have had media people tell us they weren't going to bother talking to us or reporting about us because we "had no money". If these regulations are relaxed to encourage mass media conglomeration we will have even less of a voice and our positions will be even less represented. I know of cases where even paid advertisements have been rejected by mainstream media simply because they do not express the mainstream position on issues

Is this the way the country should be headed? Are we going to live in a country where only one opinion is presented by the media? The consolidation of the media proposed in the new FCC regulations certainly moves us towards that position.

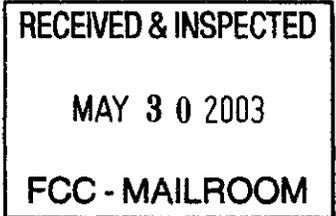
At least allow us to see the regulation changes before they are formally voted on, and put off the change in regulations another 60 or 90 days so more of the American public can hear of these proposed changes and weigh in with their opinion. After all, we are by law the owners of the public airwaves

Thank you for your attention

Ann Samuelson
Chair, Green Party Pima County

Cc. Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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Gentlemen.

I am gravely concerned about the present situation where a very few corporations control the media--that is newspapers, tv and radio. Free press is dependent on autonomy and a democracy is dependent upon a free press.

I understand you are considering allowing even fewer corporations to control our media.

We should be moving in the direction of having more media not less media controlled by many persons and corporations.

Please respond with specific information on upcoming meetings and decisions so that I can contact my elected representatives.

A very concerned citizen,

Carol K Stone



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Gentlemen:

Please do not allow media
ownership to fall into fewer and
fewer hands.

Very worried.

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