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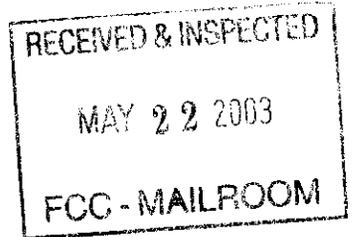
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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

Dear FCC Commissioners,

We 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.

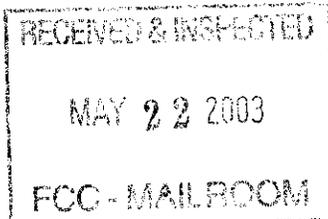
As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists,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

Most sincerely,

Suzan Dexter and Ted Burik

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Austin".

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Honorable Commissioners,

A large hue and cry is being raised about relaxing the current 'broadcast' rules. Please do not do it. For an example of the eventual consequences look a small town's newspapers. Without editorial AND financial competition the news is not very meaningful.

I live in the Melbourne Florida area and the local paper is "Florida Today", a Gannett publication. It is presented in the same manner as 'USA Today', Gannett's flagship publication. I have subscribed for many years but recently added a subscription to the "Orlando Sentinel", part of the "Chicago Tribune" syndicate.

To compare the national news presented on any given day it would appear that the papers come from different worlds, not cities 60 miles apart. Of course "Big Events" such as the recent conflict have similarities. In general the papers do not share much more than some of the comic strips. As a further distraction, "Florida Today" relies heavily on the Associated Press news wire. This results in stories with misspelling copied verbatim from the 'wire' without local oversight. Think of the news situation in your prior city of residence.

If the 'networks' are allowed to further accrue the result will be a very NARROW view of the news and who knows how bad the alleged 'entertainment' can get.

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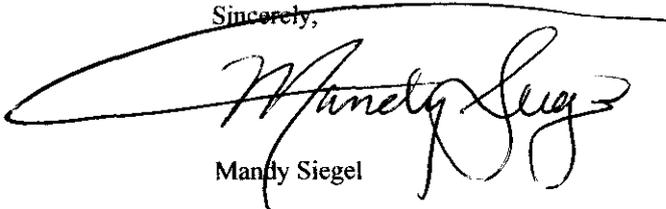
Re: Keeping Diversity in American Media

Mr. Powell:

I am writing in regards to the upcoming June 2nd FCC vote concerning the diversity of media ownership. One thing that is critical in a democracy is the ability for the people to hear many *different voices deliver them not only their news, but their entertainment as well*. If the current plans of the majority of the FCC commissioners do not change, 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. Not only will this be detrimental to democracy, but also to a competitive capitalist economy, as there will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. Worst of all, a minority of the American public has been notified that the future of media as we know it in the United States is not in the hands of the many, but the hands of the few.

Not only do I urge you to call on the FCC commissioners to consider what they are doing to diversity in American media, but also to help ensure action is taken to create public hearings for proposals such as these. Much like the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the June 2nd FCC vote will alter the face of information and entertainment distribution as we know it. American citizens deserve to take part in that change.

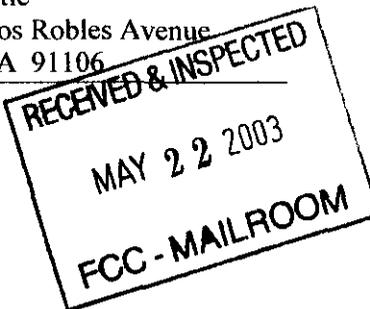
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Chairman Powell:

I write regarding the upcoming June 2nd FCC decision, specifically the state of media diversity in these United States. Media is a public resource managed on citizens' behalf by the federal government. The government appoints businesses slices of the media spectrum as trustees, in order to serve the public good, assuming that competition protects diversity. According to the Supreme Court in a 1944 case discussing the protection of democracy in media discourse, "the widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources is essential to the welfare of the public" (Associated Press v. United States, Decided June 18, 1945). The key is diversity—wide diversity from a multitude of voices. However, since the 1996 Telecommunications Act deregulated much of this country's media ownership, diversity is quickly becoming endangered.

The 1996 Act has allowed companies the right to unprecedented ownership consolidation. For example, in radio, two parent companies in particular—Clear Channel and Viacom—together now control 42 percent of listeners and 45 percent of industry revenues. Since passage of the Act, Clear Channel has grown from forty stations to 1,240 stations—thirty times more than Congressional regulation previously allowed. A study by the Future Music Coalition suggests that consolidation has led to the homogenization of music, damaging radio as a public resource.

Currently, the FCC limits a single corporation from dominating a single TV market; from merging a community's TV stations and newspapers into one voice; from merging two major TV networks; and from controlling more than 35 percent of TV households in the nation. Next month's vote has the power to relax such FCC limits on media diversity.

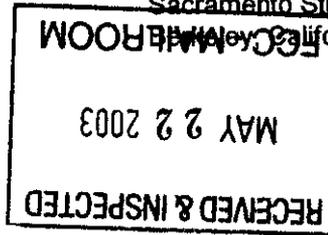
These limits are crucial to democracy. Democracy exists within the divergent opinions, within the beautiful political mess. If the voices are denied a voice in the conversation, the whole dialogue will suffer. As FCC commissioner Jonathon Adelstein said in a recent forum, "ownership clearly affects what gets covered...it's not what you hear, it's what you don't hear." Consider news coverage in Los Angeles, the Tribune company currently owns the Los Angeles Times newspaper and the KTLA TV station, an inter-media right at stake in this very vote. And although news sources pledge unbiased coverage, the Times cannot even report this story without a stake in the outcome.

Most distressing is the FCC's lack of public discourse regarding these issues. For such a pressing item to slide by the American public behind closed doors hurts the democratic process. In the coming weeks, I urge you to bring these matters to the national dialogue. The June 2nd FCC vote will alter our media landscape. Please consider the fate of our democracy and make this vote a national matter.

Most sincerely,

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Re: June vote on revision of regulations

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to urge you 1) to postpone the upcoming hearing on proposed new regulations, and 2) to foster public discussion of the proposed regulations by releasing them widely.

Regarding the process of the review, when this country has just spent lives, materiel, and money and may continue to do so in order to foster democracy in Iraq, it is fitting, at a minimum, that public discussion of the management of the public airwaves be extensive and unhurried.

Regarding the substance of the regulations, as Donald Rumsfeld said recently, democracy is not tidy. It is not always efficient either, but it is so precious that we tolerate the untidiness and inefficiency. Therefore, corporate arguments about efficiency should take a back seat to fostering options for widespread and diverse voices in our media.

Yours truly,

Judy Turley

cc: Sen. Barbara Boxer
Sen. Dianne Feinstein
Rep. Barbara Lee

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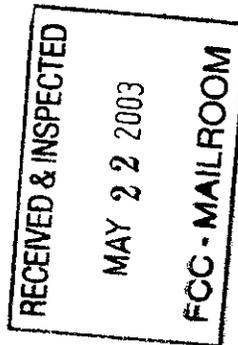
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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
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Dear Commissioner:

We have recently learned that the FCC is considering a proposal that would allow broadcast conglomerates to own unlimited numbers of television stations, in effect eliminating competition in many areas. The result would be a further narrowing of the information -- political, economic and religious -- available to the citizens of our country.

Decision making at the polls is already weighted in favor of those who have the most wealth to pour into political campaigns. What we need is free air time to every candidate, especially those who challenge an incumbent in national and state elections, to balance the advantage incumbents have. Media conglomerates are interested in profits -- not in serving the public.

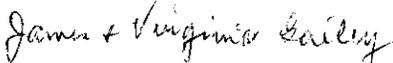
And legislative issues that should be given an open public debate will be settled by representatives in committee meetings or by Supreme Court justices who managed to keep their views from being heard before taking office, if the media can be bought and sold.

We hope that when the FCC meets, there will be voices for greater decentralization and local responsibility for program production. We know that everyone, including corporations, has the constitutional right of freedom to speak, but it would be helpful, particularly in political campaigning, if an immediate response to every advertisement would be mandated as a condition for holding a license to broadcast. The idea needs to be explored by the Commission, even if seems impractical on first hearing. We are, after all, supposed to be intelligent enough to manage our lives in the light of the best information available.

We realize that media management cannot be expected to edit content for truth and accuracy, but if this proposal could be adopted, a certain amount of self-correcting should emerge in the process of presenting a politician's or a business's "product." Currently, the President is making public statements favoring a budget with large tax cuts that he says will provide "more jobs." A rebuttal might ask for evidence or examine how companies would respond in a similar situation, or whether balanced budgeting would be adversely affected.

Thank you for considering these views and for communicating whatever you believe to be constructive to the Commission.

Sincerely,


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FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
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Re: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining
Regulatory Limits on Corporate Media Giants

Dear FCC Commissioner Abernathy:

The FCC must NOT further weaken the rules that help preserve competition and
diversity among the owners of American media.

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of
the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition,
diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should
retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the
public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the
broadcast industry.

The FCC is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules.
Repeal of or further modification to these rules will likely open the door to more
mergers that will continue to reduce competition and diversity in the media. If the
rules are weakened further, one company in a city could control the most popular
newspaper, TV station and possibly the cable system, giving it dominant influence
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diversity of cultural and political discussion in this country. Media ownership would be
concentrated by corporate monopolies even further, and the public's ability to have
open, informed discussion with diverse viewpoints would be compromised.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the
negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity.
While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum
of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the
founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best
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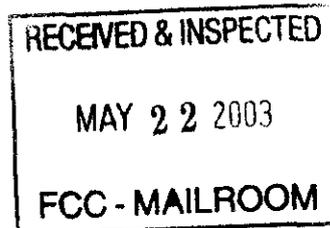
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With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is
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Sincerely,


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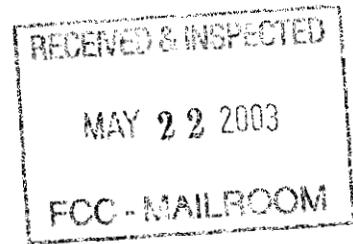
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Gentlemen & Mrs. Obernathy -

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!

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am very extremely concerned about the proposed relaxation of the present FCC rules and regulations which would remove the remaining barriers against concentration of media. That relaxation/change means that one company can own all the radio stations, television stations, newspapers, and cable systems in any given area, which would mean that one company would control all the information a specific area might receive.

Why haven't there been public forums and open discussion of these changes and what is the big rush to make such changes?

In 1996 the FCC eliminated its rules on radio ownership. As a result, conglomerates now own hundreds of stations around the country. For instance, Clear Channel owns more than 1,200 stations. There are 30% fewer station owners now than before 1996. Fewer station owners means less diversity, less local news, and less local programming.

I concur with the "Fairness Doctrine" which was upheld by the Supreme Court in a 1969 decision which says that the airwaves are a "public trust" and fairness requires the public trust to accurately reflect opposing views.

Ownership regulations were put into place in the 1940's after the United States had seen how some governments used domination of the media to control and pressure their citizens.

Joint ownership of newspaper and broadcast outlets fails to meet the constitutional requirement set out by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1945 which says that the "widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources is essential to the welfare of the people."

I earnestly implore you not to erode the freedoms and rights of the people of the United States to receive news and information from diverse sources and ownership - Do Not Relax the Current FCC Regulations!

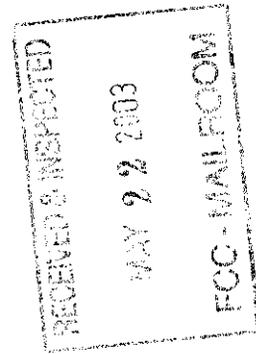
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Dear Sir:

I just finished watching C-Span's coverage of the Senate Commerce Committee's meeting on Media Ownership Rules. It was alarming, to say the least. Living in Spokane, I have seen what happens when the media has its' own agenda. Fewer voices cannot be good. We may have hundreds of TV channels to choose from, but you know, they look more alike ever day. And how reliable is information on the internet? Please DO NOT change these rules!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ken Aman".

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Topic: Keeping Free Speech Alive And Flourishing On The Air Waves

Dear *Michael*

I have been informed that multinational media conglomerates are again pressing hard to blitz the rules dealing with broadcast ownership to their advantage. I understand this will give them more control over censorship in saying who and what can be broadcasted on the air waves and through cable.

It is highly disturbing to see how much control all the multinational conglomerates are gaining in their specific realms of influence. Their level of manipulation and control that are now in place are enough to turn one's stomach. The American fiber is being dissolved by their overpowering tactics and monetary influence to control the area of their particular interests.

As far as the media conglomerates are concerned, you already see the same headlines and stories reported on every source of news media that is available to the citizens of this great nation. It does not matter if it is in a newspaper, magazine, on the internet, television or radio.

There are over 6 billion people in this world and every one of them has a story. All we get are a very minimal number of stories. If that isn't insulting enough, they run many of the same stories day after day after day. The current news media has turned their format into a soap opera type telecast. There is so much going on around the world and I have no way of finding out most of it.

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The manipulation and control of the news media monopolies are abhorrent. No way can they be given anymore leeway to further their particular agenda in an attempt to form the broadcast ownership rules to favor them more than what they have already taken over.

We are a free people, but it does not feel like it as much as it used to. I can speak for many people when I say that the viewpoints of news broadcasting are very narrow. It is not well rounded reporting. It is often biased and slanted. Often it does not reflect the voice and sentiments of the people.

These conglomerates can not be given anymore opportunity to narrow their focus, interest and viewpoints in an attempt to lead this free people down a path of their choosing and will. The rules they are attempting to manipulate you into accepting will further such an agenda. This agenda does not reflect freedom of speech or what made America great. It does not promote freedom of the people. It does not encourage free expression or individuality.

On the contrary, stricter rules must be implemented for more independent expression. (This does not refer to vulgar, immoral or crude activity.) Guidelines must be executed that will encourage our citizens to get more involved and active in their rights and freedom.

This country is, or at least was a republic form of democracy. Government officials are allowing 'we the people' to lose hold of this incredible form of government which made us as great a nation as we have become.

Our rights as a nation and as individuals must be protected and highly guarded at all cost. Recently more troops died for the sake of freedom. You are not in a life or death situation, but if you allow any legislation of any kind through to lessen the right of freedom of speech in this country, you are destroying interwoven threads that have been a bond in keeping this nation alive, strong and free. Anything that hinders or takes away from rights and freedoms will help destroy what we Americans value the most.

You must do your part in protecting the right to freedom of speech. You have been given a grave responsibility to perform duties to assure the freedom of speech to all Americans. You can not and must not sell us out to a handful of people that form these 'big bully type' conglomerate agendas.

Each American citizen has a voice and has the right to be heard. That is why we have a republic form of democracy. You have a voice. You need to make sure your children and grand children's voices will be heard when they have something that needs to be said.

Don't let us down, don't let your self down, don't let upcoming generations down and don't let down this great nation of freedom. It is your duty, not only as a public servant in our government, but more importantly as an American of this great united States we call America to do all you can to preserve the rights and freedom of 'we the people'. Favoring and/or catering to conglomerates, corporations or multinational companies over the best interests of the people do not reflect the spirit of the freedom of America and Americans. You know what you must do as an American citizen and as an employee of the people.

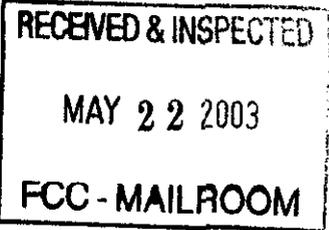
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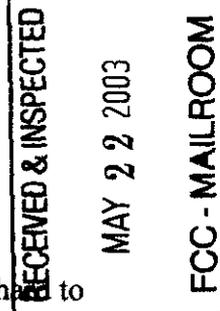
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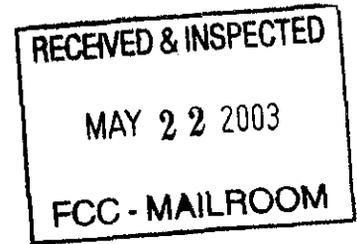
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17 May 03

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Federal Communications Commission
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Sincerely,

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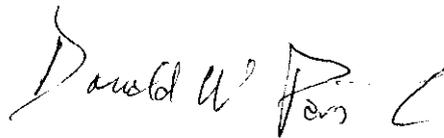
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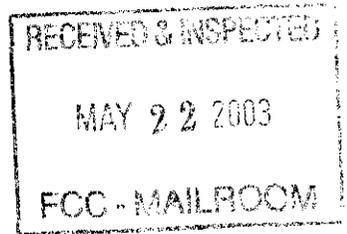
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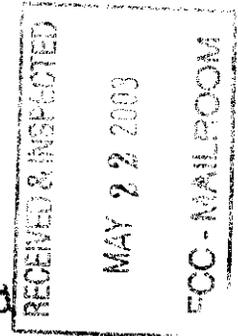
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Most sincerely,

Blaine Ellis





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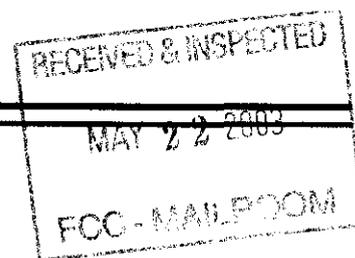
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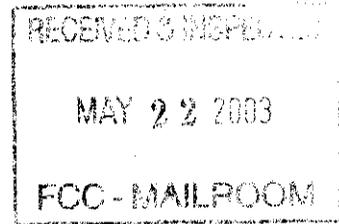
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