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(LET'S SEE IF YOUR CORP GETS THRU) - BECAUSE I THINK THE CONCENTRATION PROCESS IS FAR ALONG, I WONDER IF THE VESSEMENT CAN BE REINERD...?? YOUR COMMENTS ON MOYERS' HOW ARE APPRECIATED; THANK YOU - BUT HOW DO WE INVOLVE THE

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Michael Powell, Esq.
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Media Concentration

Sir,

The 'horse may be out of the barn' for past FCC sins of omission, but that simply makes it all the more essential that the 5 of you stand strong on behalf of the public that OWNS the 'ether' the communication giants overwhelm...as if they owned the airways !!

The immediate problem is that John (and Mary) Q. Public are asleep at the dial; or more correctly, know nothing about what you all are considering...

YOU MUST HOLD OFF ANY DISCISIONS
UNTIL THERE IS A FULL DISCUSSION OF
THE DETAILS WITH WHICH YOUR LABORING!

For your reputations, but more importantly, for the essential good of this Nation, let us have a series of 'town hall'-like meetings around the country to involve the public in your decision making. If you don't a most precious FREEDOM will be lost, forever. PLEASE share with us; don't sell us out.

Respectfully,

James D. Griffin

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Sincerely,

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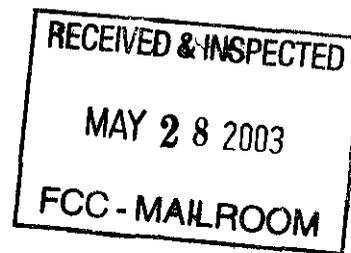
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May 19, 2003

The Honorable Michael J. Copps
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

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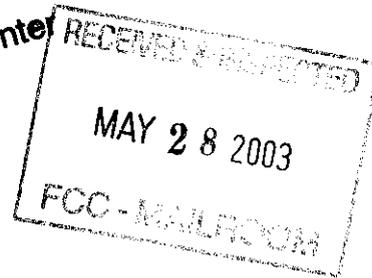
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Jonathan S. Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I have been watching with much interest the hearings that you have been holding on anticipated changes coming from the FCC concerning media ownership regulations. I am alarmed by the intention of the FCC to allow increased ownership of media outlets to fewer and fewer media corporations. My understanding of the existing law concerning all types of media is that regulations should operate under the principles of "diversity, localism, and competition." It seems like common sense that, to encourage drastic restrictions in ownership, contradicts the intent of the law.

For those of us concerned about the free flow of information that a democracy requires, the recent trend toward unbridled media acquisition is disturbing. It takes little imagination to envision a media environment similar to 1984 with universal hate radio and endless replications of Fox News with its superficial and biased coverage.

Please maintain current ownership limits and do everything in your power to increase localism, to block cross media acquisition, and increase the diversity of all media. Our constitution and the survival of our democracy require that you preserve this free exchange of ideas.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart Adler, Ed.D.



530 West 35th Place
Eugene, Oregon 97405
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Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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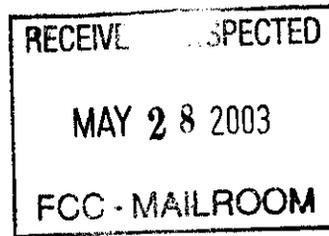
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Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman Powell,

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Through our limited media and news coverage as well as a bulletin from the NRA, I am informed that giant media conglomerates are requesting you Relax the ownership rules. This action, if accomplished, would allow multi-national corporations to completely buy out and/or take over all independent radio and television news and decide, without control, WHAT the American public will be allowed to know, see or hear.

As I recall from my history lessons, wasn't that what happened in Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia? Agencies such as the Federal Communication Commission are one of the few public protections we, as citizens, can depend on. I sincerely urge you to NOT bow to their political pressure and to stand up for the American citizen. This is especially critical for small town areas that are already limited in the number of sources we have available for our needed news. I am very upset that this request would even be considered, especially in these times of international danger. I again, urge you to deny any such attempt to limit our collective access to Free information.

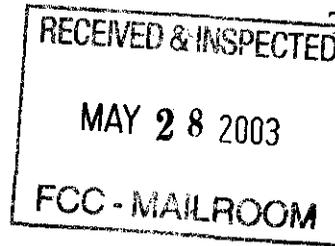
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael V. Schmidt".

Michael V. Schmidt
P.O. Box 1342
Spirit Lake, Idaho 83869

CC: Ms. Abernathy
Mr. Copps
Mr. Martin
Mr. Adelstein ✓

Commissioner Martin
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Commissioner Martin:

I am writing to express my opposition to the procedure being utilized to relax the Federal Communication Commission regulations and my opposition to the regulation changes themselves. First, it is appalling that we, the American public, are not allowed to know the exact nature of these changes prior to the vote that will change these regulations forever. I believe we are suppose to be the owners and regulators of these airwaves and therefore should have some say in what happens to these regulations.

Second, from what I have heard about the changes in these regulations, I understand it will allow a few media owners to dominate all the major media outlets in the U.S. There are many problems with this, not the least of which was exemplified in Minot, North Dakota, where the public could not be informed about a dangerous ammonia spill from a train because all the radio stations in the community were owned by Clear Channel who had their headquarters elsewhere and who had NO local broadcasters at the local stations to answer the phone and broadcast messages about the danger. While it is important to have media covering national and international issues, it is also very important to have local media reporting on and discussing local issues and dangers.

Third, to keep our democracy health, people need to be exposed to all kind of viewpoints and opinions. By allowing a very few owners to dominate the media, we will be presented with black and white opinions of the various issues and not allowed to see the broad rainbow spectrum of viewpoints on all issues. Minority opinions will be shut out. Is this the way the country should be headed? Are we going to live in a country where only one or possibly two opinions are presented in the media? The consolidation of the media proposed in the new FCC regulations certainly moves us towards that position.

Please allow us to see these proposed regulation changes prior to voting on them and please 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 still the owners of the media.

Thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Samuelson".

Ann Samuelson

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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Martin:

I am writing to you concerning the Federal Communications Commission's rulemaking on media ownership. I would like to strongly urge that the rules on broadcast ownership NOT be relaxed. The FCC has a obligation to promote competition, diversity, and local voice in the media markets, both today and tomorrow. Relaxing of these rules would be a step in the opposite direction.

There is a great danger in consolidation of our nations media. With coverage determined by a select few, our population will be presented only a narrow viewpoint. This is not healthy for a democracy.

A system of checks and balances has made our nation strong and kept our nation strong for over two centuries. We need the same strategy of checks and balances in our broadcast media as we do in our political process. Diverse opinions, diverse reporting, and local control provides these checks and balances. Loosening ownership regulation would eliminate this diverse reporting and concentrate the full power of the media in the hands of a few powerful individuals.

As Americans, we need a healthy political process. Concentrating the might of the broadcast media undermines this process. I urge you to protect the the broadcast ownership restrictions that have supported our political process for years. Please consider the needs of the American people, not simply the desires of large corporations who seek further control of our nations broadcast media.

Sincerely,



James A. Quinn
33 Rolling Hills Drive
Conway, Arkansas 72032

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Mr. Michael K. Powell
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are opposed, strongly opposed, to your proposal to raising the maximum coverage of stations owned by a single company from 35 percent to 45 percent of homes with television sets. We also understand that you are in favor of removing the ban on newspaper purchases of television and radio stations in large markets. We are also opposed to this.

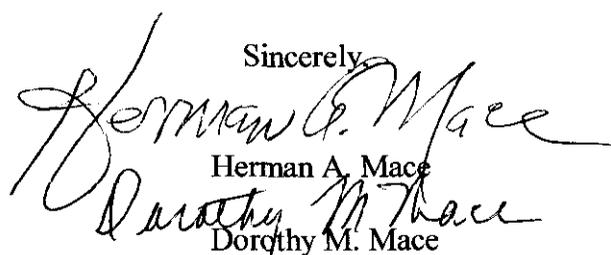
The concentration of media outlets into large organizations is not for the benefit of the public. Rather, it decreases editorial viewpoints and, in the case of cable concentration, it usually becomes more expensive for subscribers.

Sir, we view you as a disgrace to the Commission you head and to the public because of your failure to make decisions in favor of the public rather than media conglomerates. Let us put it another way. Media giants have you in their pockets.

We recommend that you resign as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, thus doing the public a favor for a change.

A response over your signature is requested.

Sincerely,



Herman A. Mace

Dorothy M. Mace

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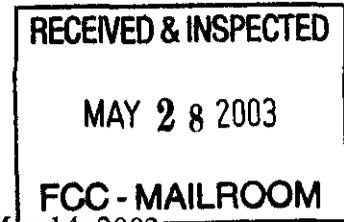
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Sincerely,



Harold and Jennie Westra
450 Sioux ST
Holland, MN 56139

George Hicks
10648 Alta Sierra Drive
Grass Valley, CA 95949-6841



May 14, 2003

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abnerathy
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Ms. Abnerathy,

In my sixty-four years of living experience I have witnessed what I believe has been a gradual, yet insidiously purposeful effort to control the news media in our country. For many years, the rich and powerful have devoted much time and great sums of money to monopolize the broadcast industry. I have recently learned that they are renewing their efforts to gain virtually total control of radio and television news and information programming.

I am asking you to *please withhold your support of the efforts to change broadcast ownership rules* and I urge you to insist upon continuing to protect broadcast ownership from monopolization in the future.

Sincerely,


George Hicks

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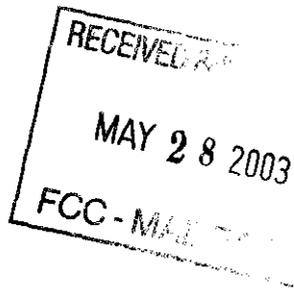
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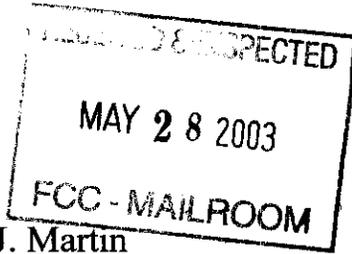
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I am strongly opposed to any proposed rules change to permit concentration of control of the media. The proposed rules changes should be made public and open for public comment for at least 60 days before any changes are considered. The media and airwaves belong to the American people and it is up to the people to decide how these should be controlled.

I urge you to take immediate action to ensure that the American public has an opportunity to evaluate the proposed changes and to state its opinion on the future of its airwaves.

I look forward to your response

Sincerely,
Helen Cruise



306 Sonata Drive
Lewisville, NC 27023
May 22, 2003

Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Commissioner Martin:

I am writing to urge you to vote on June 2nd to oppose giving broader ownership of the nation's media to the largest broadcast and media companies.

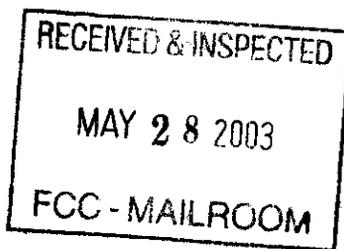
Reducing competition by gradually chipping away at past rulings to raise the present percentage cap of ownership to over 35% challenges our right to information from a variety of sources with different viewpoints. This would also have profound political implications, as media support is crucial for political candidates, and ownership by a diminishing number of media sources creates an increasingly dangerous monopoly of power.

Putting news sources in the hands of a few is not in the public interest, and that should be the primary reason for the commissioners to vote against further expansion of present media ownership.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Marjorie L. Rickard



5/10/2003

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell;

I am writing to you about the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies. I ask that you not relax the rules. The proposed changes could silence independent voices. Entire communities could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to broadcast and which to censor. The American people deserve to hear more than one viewpoint on important issues.

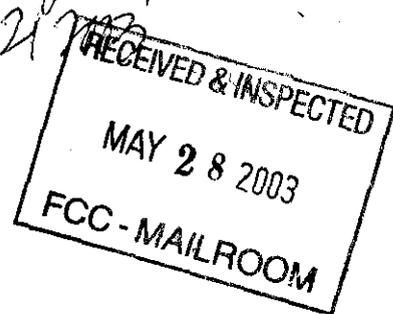
Therefore, for the sake of democracy and freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership rules.

Thank you,

Philip C. Armada, MD

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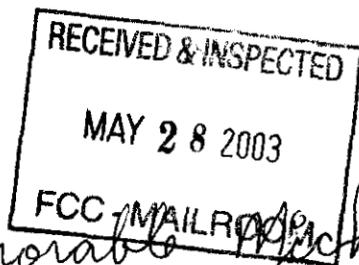
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Chairman Federal Communications Commission

Dear Mr. Chairman

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I have been made aware by the National Rifle Association that the Big Media are trying to do away with broadcast ownership rules

The media like Newspapers can and do air and print what they want. This is a monopoly and should be stopped. The federal government went after big oil companies around 1900 and then Bill Gates of Micro soft around 2000 because of monopolys they, the O.S. Justice Department should stop big media now.

Big media can withhold what the desire from the public what they don't want us to hear, see, or read

Back when William J Clinton was running for reelection and campaigning in California I believe his motorcade caused an accident that killed some people. This accident was given very little coverage, WHY?

Then there is the event where NBC committed an outright untruth (lie) about Chevrolet Truck's gas tanks exploded when hit on the side. It was later to come out that an incendiary was used in the impacting vehicle to ignite the leaking fuel. In my opinion NBC should have ~~been~~ taken off the air for 24 hours

I was not going to write you until I saw/read the inclosed article by Bob Herbert in the Dover New Hampshire's Fester Daily Democrat News Paper

Then I saw on the Fox NEWS CHANNEL when these big media wanted to have the rules changed to enable them to buy/own the Television stations News Papers and Radio stations in the same cities. Now Mr Powell that is a monopoly. (or would be)

When the media would not sell
air time to the National Rifle Association
at any price that is controlling
and a monopoly. When the N.R.A. was
not allowed to air/tell their views
this is having too much control over
the First Amendment to the Constitution
of the United States. Are you not
a member of the FCC to protect
that of freedom of speech?

Thank you for your time

Kenneth Poirier

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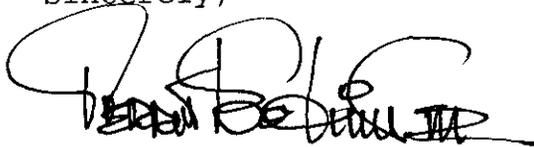
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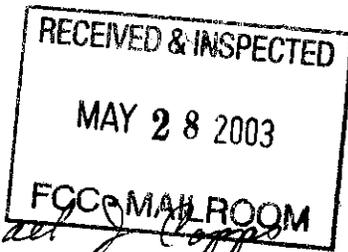
I urge you to delay your decisions of June 2. In the public interest, your office should facilitate informing the public as to what the proposed rule changes are, the consequences of those changes, and your office should cheerfully encourage a public debate on the issue.

Media concentration and freedom of the press are far more important issues than this process is allowing for. Tinkering with a keystone of the founder's vision in such a cavalier and crassly commercial view must be soundly condemned.

Sincerely,



Terry E. Lilly, III
2122 North Cahuenga Boulevard
Hollywood, CA 90028



May 18, 2003

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

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Dear Commissioner Copps:

We urge FCC not to increase monopolization of the media. We need diversification of sources of news to get different points of view on issues. For democratic process to work, we need various perspectives to make choices.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Petuo and Louise Okada
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