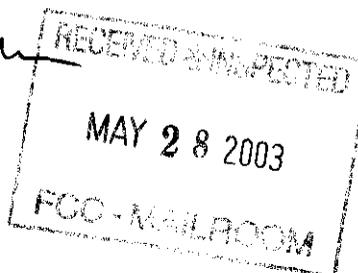


Hi - Just wanted to send you a copy of the letter I'm sending to the Republican Commissioners. Thank you & keep up the Great Work!

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May 22, 2003

Commissioner Martin
Federal Communications Commission
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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.

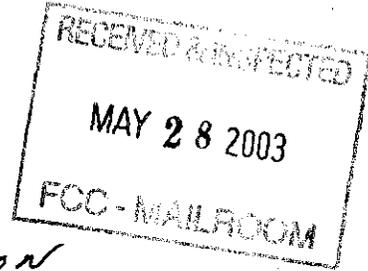
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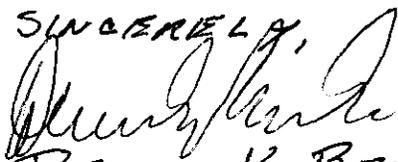
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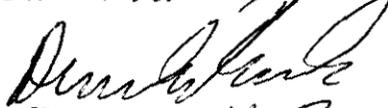
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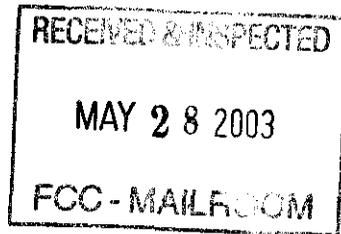
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Sincerely,

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Chairman Michael K. Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

This is to let you know that, as an American citizen, I am greatly concerned about the consolidation of media in the hands of a few giant companies. I consider this to be a limitation upon the free access to information that is so vital to the operation of our democracy.

It is my understanding that the FCC was founded in 1934 to regulate the nation's broadcasters so that they served the public interest. What has happened to this principle? Surely it is as necessary today as at the time that it was first established, if not more so. Can you set aside the present and future well being of our country for the economic gain of a few giant corporations?

I am astonished by the FCC's push for consolidation in the media industry. I feel that the public has not had sufficient information about this situation so that our viewpoints in this matter might be given consideration. In my opinion, media consolidation has already gone too far. This monopoly of information in the hands of a few is dangerous, and it needs to be dismantled – for the good of our country.

Sincerely yours,

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Nancy Blackwood

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Lorraine Gold
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To: The Honorable Michael Powell, Chair, FCC
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554

Re: Biennial Review – Proposed Media Concentration Rules, Section 202(h)
Media Bureau Docket No. 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell:

This letter is sent as testimony in support of strengthened ownership limits. Broadcast and newspaper ownership in the same market must be prohibited.

Attempts to get rid of the current, already weakened limits, by the largest media giants, indicate a disregard for the public good and for a sustainable democracy. “The media” should be diverse. Indeed, Americans need and rely on being able to obtain a diversity of viewpoints. Recent consolidation is endangering this wonderful part of our American way of life. We already see too few owning too much. The public airways must be protected.

I am sure that you are aware that there are only five independent television studios, 280 independent newspapers, and radio companies are similarly being consolidated (with two companies now owning 1451 stations, and 25 groups owning 25% of our radio stations.) This is bad for our country.

Having such a limited number of owners also means that there is a lack of necessary competition. Without meaningful competition a dull and deadly monotony will prevail. I think much of what the major media puts out now is catering to a very low level of morality and culture and could be greatly improved. Further narrowing of the creative spectrum, and having the major producers mainly concerned about corporate profits, means that creative efforts will not be adequate to reach and enrich the hearts and minds of the citizens of this country.

Further, when too few major players dominate the airways, local content will be minimally available, if there at all. Even with cable, what one sees on TV is only more of the same.

The proposed media concentration rules are not public so I cannot comment on specifics. I can only hope and pray that you will act with the courage and dignity and foresight that this issue demands and that you will use your power to protect America and the highest ideals that this country holds dear. *Please.*

Sincerely,

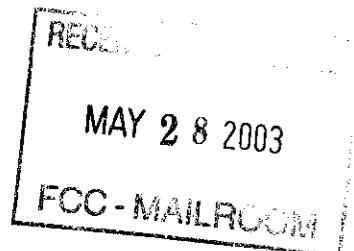
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The FCC has protected us in the past by limiting a concentration of ownership. I urge you to continue with these limitations.

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As a citizen of the United States, I am very concerned about the direction of your two year review of guidelines for media ownership. I do not endorse any change in the 1934 law that insures that the media has no cross ownership of media between newspapers and T.V. in our communities. I am also against any change in the percentage amounts that a media company can own in a designated market. These essential features of the 1934 media law was designed to insure that diversified ownership of media would gaurantee to the consumer that there would also be a diversified perspective on the issues of our day whether they be local ,national or international. These protections do not need to be modernized because these rules are essential to an educated populace. Our democratic princilples can only be protected by having an educated public that is informed by a multi-owned and vastly varied media. Please don't change the existing 1934 law.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John de Neeve".

John de Neeve

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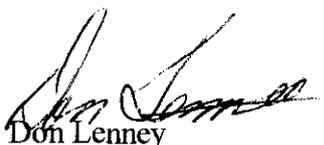
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Don Lenney

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*Michael Powell FCC Chair
Dear Chairman Powell:*

As a nation we have just made an attempt to bring democracy to Iraq but are we guarding that democracy at home ?

On June 2nd, the Federal Communications Commission holds a bi-annual meeting at which changes can be made in the apportionment of the frequencies of the air waves; these are the property of the citizens of the United States of America. Anyone can apply. Individuals and companies, such as Ted Turner, Rupert Murdoch, GE-NBC, Time Warner, Disney, the newspapers, TV stations and the like can be given the use of the frequencies, without inquiry or proper supervision of the citizenry who own it, and the apportionment may be done without any reference to the wishes and needs of the rightful owners, the American people. Three-quarters of the American public have not heard a word about this momentous procedure. The danger of consolidation is serious as once it is all in place it will be almost impossible to change.

But for the notable exception of PBS's Bill Moyers "NOW" programme the fact that little or nothing has appeared in the major or local press, or on TV is indicative of those who wish to hide their power. Every school child is taught that one of the great supports of democracy is a free and fluid press and newsmaking media. But where is the openness and freedom we need to keep the Republic healthy now and in the future ? Behind the scenes collusion over this issue is a first class route to dictatorship.

Time is of the essence. It is URGENT that all citizens write to their Senators and Representatives, also to Chairman Michael Powell of the FCC at 445, 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554, also his assistant, Mildred Dortch (Docket No. 20-277) - on line WWW.FEE.GOV/MB. Also write, call or e-mail the other members of the Commission - Republicans Kathleen Abernathy and Kevin Martin, and Democrats Michael Copps and Jonathan Adelstein to protest silence and demand an open and immediate forum for debate.

It is obvious that stalling tactics have put a damper on spreading the word. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO BE SO !!

I pray that open, public, extensive debate can be provided on this rivetingly important concern for our freedom.

*Thank you
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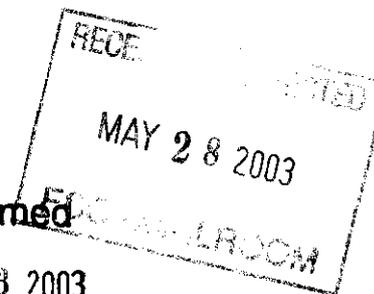
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On June 2, please vote to maintain the current levels. If that doesn't happen, I fear I'll see billboards on buses proudly announcing that two television stations and a newspaper are offering the same coverage on the war on terrorism, and all of the reporting will be from reporters in New York, not Los Angeles. Such a future will hinder my efforts to be an informed American citizen.

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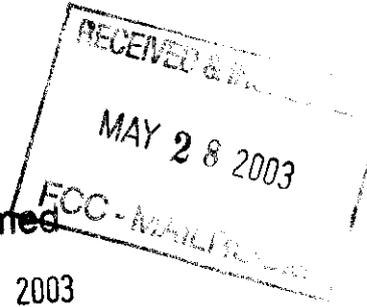
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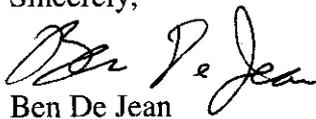
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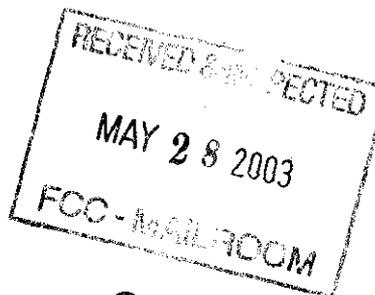
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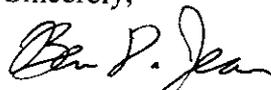
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Commissioners
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Commissioners:

We wish to voice our strong opposition to the plans of the Federal Communications Commission to lessen its regulations of the nation's systems of communication. The proposed deregulation planned to take effect in June will likely lead to greater consolidation of ownership. With fewer owners of the modes of mass communication, there will be a lessening in diversity of opinion. The free exchange of a rich and broad mix of ideas is essential for a healthy democratic republic.

In addition, we fear that the reporting of local news and the local point of view will be lost as the owners of small, regional communication outlets are merged in to the larger operations. This is a concern especially in rural locations such as much of Vermont.

We urge the FCC to reevaluate its plans and to keep the regulations in place.

Sincerely yours,

Imogen J. Corcoran *DeRoss Kellogg, Jr.*

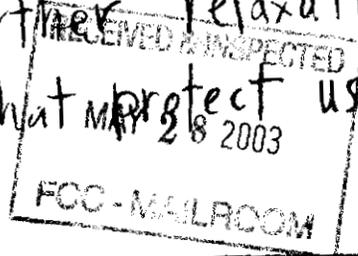
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cc: Senator James Jeffords
Senator Patrick Leahy
Congressman Bernard Sanders

GOOD DAY,

Recently, 18,000 E-Mails were sent to you from Americans protesting further relaxation of telecommunication/media Laws that protect us from Corporate monopoly.



- Diversity, Localism, Competition = Democracy
- Consolidation, privatization, monopoly = Facism

I am extremely alarmed because the majority of the American people are unaware of this important decision being made for them without their knowledge. The mainstream media which is already controlled by large corporations, is not reporting this information. How dare you rush this meeting, & not give us a chance to have a dialogue. Either you don't care, or are being paid off by the powers that be. BOTH ARE DESPICABLE! PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING & VOTE FOR FREEDOM!

Sincerely,
BARBARA HUNT

THE AIRWAYS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE
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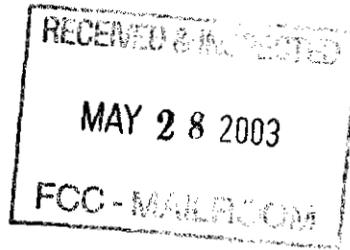
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Chairman Powell,

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Dear Chairman Powell,

As an educator + teacher,
I urge you to keep the rules for
owning Americas media.
The proposed changes will cause
more mergers.

Please prove to the public first
how these changes will benefit public
interest and not jeopardize democratic
goals of diversity, competition and
localism.

I do not feel the proposed changes
are in the best interest of our society.

Sincerely
Mary B White

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TO COMMISSIONER COPPS
TO ALL CONCERNED -

I enclose a copy of the letter I have sent to many organisations and individuals concerning the omission of the Federal Communications Commission to contact the general public more fully to give an opportunity for debate concerning the apportionment of the frequencies of the air waves.

If you agree with the general tone of this letter please fill in one of the names of FCC Commissioners given in this letter, as well as sending a copy to Chairman Michael Powell - sign it and send to the address given.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD !

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TO COMMISSIONER RICHARD COPPS

May 8th, 2003.

AND TO ALL CITIZENS OF THE USA,

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DEAR MS. ABERNATHY:

I URGE YOU NOT TO RELAX THE BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES THAT PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM MEDIA MONOPOLIES.

IF PROPOSED " BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES " ARE ADOPTED, INDEPENDANT VOICES IN CITIES ACROSS THE U.S. COULD BE SNUFFED OUT BY HUGE MEDIA CORPORATIONS.

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 AMERICA. 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.

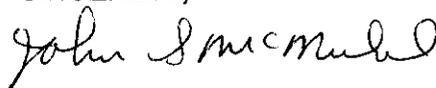
WHOLE COMMUNITIES AND EVEN WHOLE STATES AND REGIONS COULD BE DOMINATED BY ONE MEDIA COMPANY WHICH COULD DECIDE WHICH VIEWPOINTS TO ALLOW ON THE AIR AND WHICH TO CENSOR.

THE BIG MEDIA CONGLOMERATES HAVE IN THE PAST USED THEIR POWER TO KEEP OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS OFF THE AIR. THESE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES WOULD GIVE THEM A FAR GREATER POWER TO KEEP OPPOSING VIEWS OFF THE AIR AND OUT OF THE NEWSPAPERS.

MANY OF THE CORPORATIONS THAT ARE FIGHTING FOR THESE RULE CHANGES-INCLUDING MEDIA GIANTS VIACOM/CBS AND DISNEY/ABC-ARE THE SAME COMPANIES THAT HAVE TRIED 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,



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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing you to voice my opposition to relaxing the Broadcast Ownership Rules. If these rules are relaxed, the few companies that will own the media will determine what news and whose viewpoints are allowed to air.

It will be much more difficult than it should be for voters to become informed about both sides of an issue before casting their vote. I witnessed this happen on a smaller scale when Milwaukee went from a two-newspaper town to a one-newspaper town.

It is healthy for our democracy to have the media compete with itself. I urge you not to weaken the broadcast ownership rules.

Sincerely,



David P. Ohrmundt