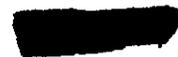


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Thank you for appearing on Bill Moyer's NOW - As a result of what you said I have emailed the below noted text message to you fellow commissioners and my Washington Representative. I don't know that it will do any good. As they are probably hell bent on rubber stamping this through, but at least I did something. How sad it is to see that in our lifetime we are seeing the decline of this great country's freedoms. Rome is Falling and we are watching it happen. at least you can be proud that you did what you could to make a difference. Thank You Again.

Text sent to you fellow Commissioners:

"You probably don't want to hear from me. But - DO NOT allow further Media Consolidation. Allowing only a few to rule the Media will make our whole governmental system vulnerable to manipulation (far beyond what we both know exists today). Manipulation by a few who can change our country away from democracy to dictatorship. Can't happen here? That's what we thought pre September 11th. Diversity keeps us free. Without the ability of small and medium sized media companies to be viable businesses we lose diversity. Allowing further Media Consolidation will ensure that only multi-billion dollar companies control the airwave. Those airwaves will in fact no longer be assessable to "the people"; they will only effectively belong to a few powerful companies. Companies who will not be free because they owe too many powerful companies for their existence.

Please consider what your great grandchildren will say about you, as they dream of what it was once like to hear a broad spectrum of viewpoints on important issues, as they hear the same party line on only three or four "independent" cable, TV, radio stations. Consider how your grandchildren will feel about you if you say "NO" to the big corporations and are written about as choosing the unpopular position now which will ensure that the Freedoms Our Country was built upon will exist for future generations. Thank you Grandpa! You are My Hero and a Hero of this great USA.

Joan S."

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