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From: Wilson, Scott
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 9:30 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Copps

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. 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. I ask you, is this "The American Way?"

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. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott E. Wilson
New Bern, North Carolina

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From: Alan Tremblay
To: Mike Powell
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

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Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Federal Communications Commission
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To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

I urge you to stop plans to end critical safeguards designed to help ensure diversity of media ownership. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. I urge you to ensure there are public hearings to discuss how such proposals will affect my community and the nation.

All of this is bad for competition, the First Amendment and democracy. With consolidation of ownership, our ability to get fair news and emergency information will all but disappear.

I'm hopeful you are doing everything in your power to curtail the onslaught of media conglomeratization.

Sincerely,
Julia Caise

Happy Spring,

Love, Julia
"Make me to know your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths."
Psalm 25:4

From: Alice F Konopka
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Mike Keefe-Feldman wrote

> Attention friends, family and generally concerned individuals,
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 > I know not all of you are big into political stuff, but I hope you'll
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 > five minutes to read what I've written below and consider taking a
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Dear Mr Copps

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It is vitally important that you preserve the American citizen's First Amendment rights by not relaxing the present FCC rules that prohibit monopoly ownership of media sources. Presently there is already too much control of the media in too few individual hands. This was exemplified by CNN's recent mea-culpa in which they admitted to over 10 years of withholding the true news in Iraq, substituting instead completely contrived news. Although lacking the courage to admit it, it is obvious to the informed citizen that the other major news outlets have similarly resorted to this practice when of advantage to their agenda. Please do not compound this practice by further relaxing the present broadcast rules.

Sincerely ,

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Sincerely

Glenn J Hazelet,
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Lockport, NY 14228-4256

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From: mglusted
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 2:25 PM
Subject: Do not relax the broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,

Gregory and Marcia Lusted
70 Antrim Road
Hancock, NH 03449

From: Allen Faust
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commission
Adelstein
Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 2:25 PM
Subject: Proposed Rule Changes

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Dear Commission Members

Federal Communications Commission
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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 far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers. Many of the corporations -- including media giants Viacom\CBS and Disney\ABC -- 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.

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Allen Faust
Abingdon, MD

From: smythe
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commission
Adelstein
Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 2 29 PM
Subject: Relaxing broadcast ownership rules

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Dear Honorable Chairman and Commissioners

*Federal Communications Commission
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This is the first time I have taken the effort to contact my government on an issue. I sincerely feel that allowing individuals/groups to own/control even more communications on the air than they do now will hinder the practical right to free speech we are guaranteed by our Constitution. Bill Moyers on NOW (PBS) eloquently points out some of the dangers.

Sincerely,
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From: Rick Naegele
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 12:47 PM
Subject: new rules

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Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Please note that I don't believe we need any larger media monopolies

Thank You,
Rick Naegele
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Lucas, Kansas 67648

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

Please note that I do not believe in larger and less outlets for the media. Keep current on the issues.

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Thank You,
Rick W Naegele
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Lucas, KS 67648

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From: Gary LaMoyne
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Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 12:49 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rule Changes

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please accept this correspondence as my most adamant request that you NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules protecting against media monopolies

I perceive these changes to open the potential for large media conglomerates to restrict further the US constitutional right to free speech. Through selective filter of news and media content, many existing large media companies have already exhibited a propensity to offer only a one-sided viewpoint to the American people.

Please do not restrict America's ability to hear all viewpoints, let the American people make up their own minds and preserve the constitution as our forefathers intended!

Sincerely,

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From: Mary McVicker
To: Mike Powell
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Please do not allow a near monopoly on the information that the public receives via newspaper, tv, internet and radio. When a small number of like minded individuals have control over what the public will be made aware of, what will be covered up and what bias a story is told with our freedom is diminished.

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