

From: Compostgal@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:56 AM
Subject: My letter re June 2 FCC vote to let the big media get bigger

Commissioner Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov

Dear Commissioner Copps -

I hope you hear from many after your excellent presentation on NOW.

In any case, you are hearing from me to thank you for your dedication to democratic ideals in this time when they seem in short supply.

You might like to see the email I already sent to Chairman Powell and the other commissioners - AND also to my email lists in hope they will also respond.

I will recommend that they check out the FCC timeline on NOW's website.

Thanks again!

Trina Paulus

Federal Communications Commission
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www.fcc.gov

Dear Chairman Powell -

I already find the concentration of corporate power in the media intolerable for getting at the truth in anything.

I heard you say that big is not always bad, but monopoly of the media is so limiting to voices that need to be heard in a Democracy, that big is really bad in this case.

You just can't push this vote June 2 if you want Democracy.

My point about the problem is proven in that, the already big media has not gone to any length to tell us about this event which will affect us all. These are OUR airwaves, not theirs or yours.

Also, they hardly mentioned the changes before the vote in 1996. We have creeping control by a few and disenfranchisement to the many. So much was in that 1996 decision I do not approve of, and now you are pushing for more.

Don't do it.

Sincerely,
Trina Paulus

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From: Larry
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:59 AM
Subject: Proposed broadcast ownership rules change

Ms. Abernathy

As an FCC Commissioner I urge you not to relax broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies.

I don't believe changing the rules is in the best interests of the American citizens as the major networks already have too much control over the viewpoints that are broadcast. Many of the media corporations not only control what is broadcast on radio and TV, they also own the companies that print our newspapers.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Crawford
20842 Legacy Place
Sturgis, SD 57785-6928

From: Larry
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 1:05 AM
Subject: Proposed changes to broadcast ownership rules

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From: Melanie Coerver
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 1:09 AM
Subject: Don't allow monopoly of media channels

Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

Melanie Coerver
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Seattle, WA 98122

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From: Daniela Gundling
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 1:11 AM
Subject: Prevent centralization of media

Dear Commissioner Copps:

As the FCC considers new regulations regarding ownership of media in the United States, I urge you to make sure that you promote multiplicity of ownership, so that it is impossible for one or a few giant corporations to control the American media.

Commissioner Copps we are already at a crisis point in this regard. Five giants own 90% of the media, and this has resulted in biased reporting and poor news coverage. Independence of view and analysis has suffered.

The FCC must take steps to encourage independent reporting and analysis and freer access to government news sources. Don't allow the American media to become monotonous and biased!

Sincerely,

Daniela Gundling

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From: Lucas Larson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 1:42 AM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

Dear Commissioner Copps:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner Copps, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Lucas Larson
154 Eighth Avenue Suite 61
New York, NY 10011-5150

From: Students for Peace
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 1:42 AM
Subject: Congress demand FCC protect public media access

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From: Rachel Justice
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Subject: FCC promote media decentralization

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Sincerely,

Rachel Justice

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From: Corcoran
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 2:53 AM
Subject: media ownership

Dear Ms. Abernathy ,

I would like to pass on to you my feelings regarding the possibility of changing the rules pertaining to the amount of spectrum companies are allowed to own. It is my understanding that the FCC may allow companies to own even greater market share than they presently are allowed to control in any given market. I urge you to go slow in your deliberations. Personally I believe the present rules are too lax. The spectrum belongs to the people, not corporations. The government has no interest in assuring the financial viability of media conglomerates. If they or any station fails, well they fail. end of story. Someone else will gladly use the spectrum and the government does not owe a profit margin to companies and is in no way responsible or obligated for the financial well being of any business.

Further more I have read statements attributed to Mr. Powell that imply that it is now a new age digital technology whereby citizens have many more avenues for dissemination of the news as well as any other content for that matter. That it is thus perhaps ok to lower our guard against monopolization of the spectrum and media in general. Well the former may be true but it does not justify the latter. Quite a large segment of the US population relies on only print or broadcast outlets for news and events. They don't use the newer technologies such as the internet. Perhaps half the US population relies on traditional modes of information transmission like newsprint or broadcast. In my view this is far too large a segment of the population leave behind to the vagaries of modern corporate media ownership.

Please do the right thing for our liberty and free speech. You and I vote. Corporations do not. I certainly pay taxes, corporations may not. The airwaves are vital to the people and you have been entrusted with their care and good stewardship. Please don't open the door to increased market share ownership by corporations.

Thank you,
Tim Corcoran
6969 Day Road West
Bainbridge Island, WA
98110

From: Hughes
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 4:18 AM
Subject: FCC Broadcast Ownership

Comissioner Copps,
I listened to you on NOW with Bill Moyers. I want to know what I can do to slow down the vote about Broadcast Ownership. What is the process and how does an individual make an impact on this important issue? I realize I am ignorant of the issue and know only what you said on NOW.
Janet Hughes

From: rspitzler@msn.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 5:46 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Honorable Commissioners:

I urge the FCC NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies.

1. If the proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the country could be snuffed out by huge media companies.
2. Large areas of our country could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air.
3. The big media companies have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.
4. The companies that are fighting for these rule changes including Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC are the same companies that have tried in the past to keep out different viewpoints.
5. Freedom in America is dependent upon the expression of different opinions and points of view.

Very truly yours,
robert m. spitzler
orleans, ma.

From: Ed Oltarzewski
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 6:09 AM
Subject: Prevent Media monopolies.

Dear sir,

Diversity of opinion is necessary for a healthy society. It is therefore essential that it be maintained in the newsrooms of the American media.

I urge you to resist any attempt to relax the broadcast ownership rules which prevent media monopolies.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Oltarzewski
4 Moro Dr.
Mercerville NJ

From: Quackmcduck@aol.com
To: KM KJMWEB
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 6:14 AM
Subject: June 2 vote

As Chairman of the FCC Commission, your job is to protect this nation's PUBLIC AIRWAVES. Consolidation of the media in the hands of a few powerful corporations is a heinous attack on the very liberty of this country. Why has the impending vote on the consolidation of the media taking place on June 2 not been properly publicized? Why have there not been hearings scheduled in every city in this nation, considering the impact this can indeed have on our very liberty? How can you even consider allowing a few powerful corporations control the nation's airwaves and Internet? Can you not see that liberty cannot survive without a free press? Haven't you studied the history of this country? Is your commission sabotaging that which it was formed to protect?

I most respectfully request that you delay this vote and rethink what you are proposing. Most Americans may not be familiar with the June 2 vote, but they need to be informed. And they will certainly become familiar with what you are proposing once the impact is felt. And you and your commission will be held responsible.

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps

From: Ken Lause
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 6:18 AM
Subject: Concentration of media ownership

I am concerned about publicly owned airwaves being controlled by few individuals. I urge you to act to return to former proven requirements of ownership. Thanks, Ken Lause Napoleon, Ohio

From: Robert Lachapelle
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 7:55 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Copps;

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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,
Robert J. Lachapelle Jr.
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Jacksonville, NC 28546
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From: Hank Schekter
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 8:10 AM
Subject: Regulation Changes

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

By way of biographical data, I am a registered nurse, 41 years of age, living in the Burlington, VT area. This note is to address the pending deregulation changes regarding ownership of media sources in the United States.

My concern is that concentration of the media in the hands of the few will be a very destructive force to American democracy. Issues that are not deemed profitable or favorable to those few businesses will never make the "radar screen". Does that mean they are not important or essential to the American people? I think not. Vastly diversified media sources are clearly essential to a thriving democracy..... the core value of American government.

One might argue that competition will be fostered by deregulation, but at the prices of the airwaves, small business people will not be able to compete with companies like Clear Channel Communications.

I urge you and your fellow commissioners to fully educate the American public, not just a few interested parties, about your deregulation plan and the possible ramifications on American democracy. After all, all Americans are the rightful owners of those airwaves. Delay your upcoming vote on June 2 significantly. What is the hurry?

Sincerely,

Henry S. Schekter

From: Helen Markessinis (Hotmail)
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 8:30 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

I am absolutely OPPOSED to any relaxation of the rules governing broadcasting ownership. These rules protect the American citizen from media monopolies. We cannot allow the giant media conglomerates to gain control of the radio and television news information. As citizens of a democracy we must be allowed to hear all news and view points as we so often hear - "the public has a right to know". The public does have the right to know BUT NOT only what the media conglomerates want us know. We still do have a DEMOCRACY in this country that we must fight for each day. Those that wish to destroy our democracy are feverishly working each day to achieve their objective. We must be vigilant and block their every move.

You must continue the broadcast ownership protection to ensure a healthy political debate in this country.

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB

From: R C Manley
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 8:45 AM
Subject: YES! To Competition in the Media.

Commissioner Copps-

In the public interest, we must have competition in TV and radio (and other non-F.C.C. regulated media as well, for that matter). Otherwise, Americans are going to be subjected to many noises but a single theme (or message). That's little different from what the Soviets had.

Please be sure that the F.C.C. does its job, in the public interest, to foster good ole American competition.

I'd appreciate being told where else I need to register my thoughts on this vital issue.

Sincerely, Robert Manley

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CC: morgancr@angelfire.com

From: BHistorybuff@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 8:59 AM
Subject: FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules

Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

An almost complete control of our media would allow propoganda and misinformation to achieve a widespread influence over our population without ability for any differing opinion response via an equal forum. This is NOT the intent of the first amendment rights in our Constitution and such monopoly capability should NEVER be allowed.

I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that are now in effect and that have permitted a viable political debate in our country.

Sincerely,
Barbara Alt
Westbury, NY

From: BHistorybuff@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 9:12 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner

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Barbara Alt
Westbury, NY

cc:Honorable Kevin, J. Martin, Commissioner

CC: KM KJMWEB

From: Anne Holder
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 9:27 AM
Subject: Media concentration

The business of the FCC, which is a government and therefore representative (under democracy) body, is to attend to the needs of people, not corporations. Please don't let further concentration of ownership of media in the name of such political terms as "synergy" cripple the American mind.

Let me invite you to the community college classes I teach, so that you can experience first-hand the disasters of young, diverse Americans who do not read nor understand diverse opinion. I think such a visit would make you thoughtful.

Thank you for your attention.

A F Holder
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El Paso TX 79912

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From: Scott Kampshcafer
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10:00 AM
Subject: My opinion on company ownership of airwaves

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing you to express my opinion that I do not believe any company or oligopoly should own 35% or more of the airwaves, be it television, radio, or internet. We need as much competition in the airwaves as possible and allowing a few companies to control most of what we see and hear does not promote the principles this country was founded on. You are responsible to protect the public interest and the public cannot be protected if a few individual companies are screening all we see and hear for our information.

Please do not pass any rule or implement any policy that would allow such domination and monopolize the airwaves.

Thank you,
Scott Kampschaefer

From: Lois Lockett
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10:09 AM
Subject: against media consolidation

We need to have more public debate on the upcoming policy to consolidate media ownership. Our country needs a broad base for the people's voice. We need as many as possible to speak up, to make news, to be seen at the local, state, and national level. Like the Who's in Whoville, every voice counts. When huge corporations are in charge, the voice is homogenized and diluted and controlled by too few at the top. I am against further consolidation of media ownership and call for more time to debate this issue.

CC: Michael Copps

From: DALE MOSER
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10:19 AM
Subject: Media Monopolies

Honorable Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Dale R. Moser
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Shaw AFB, SC 29152-1353

From: tat
To: Undisclosed-Recipient::@fcc.gov
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10:31 AM
Subject: PROTEST over SBC Communications GAMES over NEW LONG-distance service(s) to Customers!

One of the GREAT DISservices you do to the CONSUMER is letting phone companies get away with murder.

Witness, recent SBC (which VICTIMIZES ALL its customers!!!) \$0.02/minute long-distance interstate rates, supposedly for 500 minutes, BUT bundling toll-calls(ALWAYS BEEN a rip-off because the consumer has O way of estimating, or even knowing, just WHICH calls are toll-calls; sometimes even SBC's OPERATORS seem NOT to know!) with interstate long-distance, supposedly costing ~\$10.00/month plus taxes SBC claims will be "THE SAME" as other interstate calling access taxes (which I don't buy for a second!). BUT, as with their toll-calls, this new LONG-distance INTER-state SBC marketing shtick gives te Consumer NO way to MONITOR, or even estimate, HOW MANY MINUTES he has used up in any particular month, and since the monthly hours allotment does NOT roll-over, clearly SBC is counting upon "stupid" consumers NOT knowing if they've made LESS than 500 minutes/month, or MORE than 500 minutes/month!!!

I asked when I signed up for this new service, whether such a consumer METER was included. The nonsense I heard was that it "was being considered". Hell, the F. C. C. should have made such a meter ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY to prevent SBC price gouging and cramming!!!

You can STILL remedy this "OVERSIGHT" (or was it "under-the-table - sight"???) NOW ASAP!!! But WILL you? Do YOU have the COURAGE to FINALLY do what/something/ANYthing right for the CONSUMER??? At least on PREpaid CALLING CARDS (like MCI, Sprint, ATT, etc.) you know HOW MANY MINUTES/HOW MUCH MONEY CREDIT is LEFT, REAL-time!!!

Being so close/"in bed" with communications companies you supposedly "regulate" can come back you hard. Right now, I understand that a grassroots organization is looking to filing an ADC Act lawsuit against the F. C. C., as well as S. B. C., and perhaps against the F. C. C. Commissioners PERSONALLY!

T. Seigal
tel: (858) 270-5111
Disabled American
Disgruntled/Disgusted VICTIM of S.B.C. AND YOUR F. C. C. !!!

P. S. I would telephone your toll-free line, but since S. B. C. changed this area code from previous (619), making outgoing phone calls to ANY/ALL OTHER area codes, including toll-free numbers, sporadically simply does NOT work, even after S. B. C. rewired my connections back to their most central switching station; THREE YEARS NOW!!! They have a SOFTwqre, NOT a HARDware glitch, and seem INcompetent to EVEN LOCATE it, MUCHLESS to actually FIX it! And, just like YOUR F.C.C., our local CA. P. U. C. CAN/WILL do ABSOLUTELY NOTHING for its CONSUMERS!!!

So, HOW is the

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To: Michael Copps
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Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Lampasona
Huntington Station, NY 11746

From: JPark909@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:08 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership

Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protects me and all the other American citizens from media monopolies.

This is not a country where the views of anyone should be controlled by a group, so that only their own ideas and feelings are the only information that is given to the general public.

The big media conglomerates do not need more power over the content of visual or written communication guaranteed by the constitution.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Parker
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Moore, Oklahoma 73160
jpark909@aol.com

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kimweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein

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