

From: Robert Simmons
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 1 15 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

Dear sirs

I would like to express my strong oppisitionto changing the rulesof broadcast ownership that protects American citizens from media monopolies I do not want to see a few individuals controlling the media I strongly urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protection rules that are now in place

Thank you,

Robert E Simmons
Gassville, Ar 72635

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

From: Bruce Campbell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 1 18 PM
Subject: regulation of radio

To FCC Chairman Michael K Powell

Commissioners Kathleen Q Abernathy, Kevin J Martin, Michael J Copps, Jonathan S Adelstein

Dear Commissioner

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The days of competing local radio formats have been replaced by homogenized rebroadcasts of the same satellite feeds from the same national sources to practically every market in the nation. This is particularly evident in smaller cities like Santa Barbara, CA where one company, Clear Channel, now owns seven radio stations- a literal stranglehold on the local radio band.

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Thank you,

Bruce Campbell

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From: Michele Mosher
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 1:29 PM
Subject: Media Deregulation

To: FCC Commissioners

Re: FCC vote on media deregulation

Please oppose media deregulation. A variety of media viewpoints and ownership is essential to the health of a democracy. Please do not support further consolidation of our media.

Michele Mosher
5707 Plateau Dr
Felton, CA 95018

From: tsweet13@yahoo.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 1:37 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism, and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Willette Coleman
P O Box 13403
Silver Spring, Maryland 20911

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From: Jon Sokol
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 1 57 PM
Subject: deregulation of rules consolidating TV broadcasting

Mr Powell,

I urge you to initiate a public comment on the proposed changes and to delay decision to beyond June to allow for an appropriate public comment period. Deregulating the rules governing TV broadcasting will lead to less diversity on a service that is supposed to belong to the public. Please allow for public comment on your proposed changes so that the the broadcasting companies (the only real winners in the proposed deregulation) don't get undeserved benefits without public support.

Thank you for your time,

Jonathan P Sokol

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From: Rich Mynick
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 1:58 PM
Subject: Re upcoming vote on media concentration rules

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Let me present to you a quote attributed to Abraham Lincoln

" I see in the near future a crisis approaching that causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. Corporations have been enthroned, an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money-power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until the wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed " - A. Lincoln, November 12, 1864

It seems clear to me, based on this quote, that Lincoln would have voted "No further loosening!" in the upcoming vote on media concentration rules. The vote is directly connected to the future of democracy in our society. It's not (or shouldn't be) primarily a question of industry efficiency or profitability. By having fewer big voices dominating the media, one is chopping away at the very foundations of public democracy. Democracy bears direct relation to the ability of many diverse groups to express themselves publicly, to gain access to the public mind. To move further in the direction of giant conglomerates controlling all the opinion and information that Americans are exposed to, is to actively pursue the creation of a media monolith.

You and your fellow commissioners have a tremendous civic obligation in your meeting next month. Of course, all the power of the 6 remaining conglomerates will be subtly applied to you. They represent power & wealth, they can offer you blandishments, they can afford fancy and persuasive lawyers. But if you vote for them, you are voting for the further entrenchment of oligarchy and against democracy. You would be voting to strangle the possibility of democracy in our country, for the sake of a few immensely powerful business interests.

I cannot believe you chose a career in public service to make a choice like that. Please vote "No" next month, in the hope of averting the frightening consequences alluded to by Lincoln -- the excessive concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few.

Sincerely,

Richard Mynick
Berkeley, CA

From: Melvin Marion
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:00 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner 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. Some of these large media corporations, that are now lobbying the FCC to relax the ownership rules, already have a known track record of attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. In my view, we already have too much control by large print media corporations which provide the local population with only biased viewpoints on some issues and, in many cases, do not provide the complete unbiased facts. The broadcast media is my only source of the facts on many issues.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues and they deserve to be provided with the facts. 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. If anything needs to be changed, the FCC should require that both the broadcast and the print media present the people with the complete facts of an issue, not the biased, half-truths and lies that are being presented today by much of the media. The FCC should not permit the public broadcast frequencies to be used to further the agenda of any person or group.

Sincerely,
Melvin J. Marion
1772 Swamp Road
Richmond, MA 01254

From: Laura Lester
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:16 PM
Subject: Stop Further Deregulation of Radio

To: FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell

Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Kevin J. Martin, Michael J. Copps, Jonathan S. Adelstein,
Senators Saxby Chambliss, Zell Miller

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To allow the most popular sources of news, information and entertainment to be owned by a small handful of people across the nation and in any one community is extremely dangerous for our democratic process.

Please, please, please! Stop the monopolization of our airwaves. The silencing of diversity in broadcasting is a stealth assault on democracy, and the FCC is our last line of defense!

Thank you,

Laura Lester
588 Stokeswood Ave
Atlanta, GA 30316
404 577 8656

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein,
saxby_chambliss@chambliss.senate.gov, zell_miller@miller.senate.gov

From: shandal sullivan
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:18 PM
Subject: FCC Review of Media Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Chairman,

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To allow the most popular sources of news, information and entertainment to be owned by a small handful of people across the nation and in any one community is extremely dangerous for our democratic process. That is not democracy, that is fascism.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shandal Sullivan

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

From: SewzGud@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:24 PM
Subject: June 2, 2003 Meeting --- Media Deregulation

The following letter has been sent to the FCC chairman, Michael Powell

Mr. Powell,

Just because you may be able to legally push through more deregulation of American media doesn't mean that you are morally doing the right thing

From out here, in the electorate, it looks as though your obvious bias toward more deregulation of the media is motivated either out of ignorance of its effects or for your personal desire for something in return. If there is any other credible explanation, I would really like to know what it is.

The victims in this effort may seem anonymous and faceless to you and others, but your statements and actions show a real contempt for the majority of citizens in this country. Has the difference between right and wrong become so distorted to you that you don't even see that this is wrong? Money, position and power are not the real goals in this life. In the end, it's the good you have put into the world that will give you peace. You may not have time for this now, but some day, you will. By then, the wrong that you commit today will be impossible to correct.

I hope that you will reconsider your position. I will say prayers that you will receive the wisdom and strength to do so.

Sincerely,
B. De Lap
Edina, MN

From: SewzGud@aol.com
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Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:25 PM
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From: Doug Nellis
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2 25 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Commissioners

Media concentration is already out-of-control "FCC" is not an acronym for "For Clear Channel" Lifting the ban on media cross-ownership shall further homogenize the increasingly narrow reporting of news and information in this country, and KILL independent and local programming In defense of TRUE democracy in this country, I implore you to NOT lift this ban

Further, despite my e-mail address, I send this message not as an employee of the Seattle Times, but as a taxpaying US citizen

Sincerely,
DOUG NELLIS
Seattle, WA

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

From: Roger Williams
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2 26 PM
Subject: Children's safety

Dear FCC Commissioner

Why do you continue to disregard your obligation to protect our families from the constant barrage of indecency on television?

Like many families, we are tired of the constant sex, violence, and profanity coming into our homes through the public airwaves

On February 25, ABC affiliate stations aired NYPD BLUE. In the program, a young boy was exposed to full adult female nudity. It is shameless that this kind of broadcast is going unchallenged by the FCC.

As a member of OneMillionDads.com, I implore you to vigorously enforce broadcast indecency laws to insure this type of incident does not occur again.

Sincerely,

Roger Williams
rogerwilliams@frontiernet.net

From: Uhrick, Annette
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:33 PM
Subject: June Decision

Ms Abernathy,

The FCC is doing an enormous disservice to the First Amendment by rushing toward relaxation of media ownership limits. The airwaves belong to the people and should be used to inform them, rather than lobotomize them with "American Idol XXIV" or the like.

Advances in technology matter not; the only salient issue is that media should serve the people, not the government nor a private company. Increases in numbers of cable channels have not improved programming, concentration of ownership of radio stations has not produced a higher quality product for the listener.

Claims that media are delivering what the audience wants are laughable. They are delivering the least expensive, highest-profit-margin product possible, and the lack of choice is tolerated by our nation of sheep.

I shudder to think what the future holds if you manage to push through revised, relaxed regulations on ownership limits. NOTHING positive for the American public will result.

Annette Uhrick
7652 Gheils Carroll Road
Morrow Ohio 45152

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From: Sports Technology Group
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:40 PM
Subject: Your Responsibility

I have never felt so hopeless. Are you owned by "them" also. We are not blind, just ill-equipped to fight back with media control by organizations in the pockets of "them". If you were being sincere and honest about your responsibilities to the American people, you would not let the mega corporations buy up all the local news organizations. Any logical, intelligent citizen would know what that would breed. You are appointed (by whom) to protect us. Honest information is the last element for freedom of life as we know it in the USA. You are selling us down the river for short term gain, but your children and grandchildren will be the ones to suffer. The United States was the last stand in the world for what was right in fairness, honesty, generosity, truth and now this will be lost and we will become as corrupt and self-serving as the third world countries all trying to be #1 the survival of the fittest. This could not happen with a free America. And you have played right into the hands of "them".

I pray for America and the human race

Paul Howard

From: Pat Smith
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:50 PM
Subject: On behalf of Andy Watts - Re Media Monopolies

Messrs Powell, Martin, Adelstein, Copps
Ms Abernathy

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

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Sincerely,

Andy Watts
aw@awatts.com
Winston-Salem, NC 27104-4680

CC: Andy Watts

From: Alan Babin, Missionary
To: ABIG
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:51 PM
Subject: To the FCC Commissioners

PLEASE DON'T relax the ownership rules for broadcast companies. Already our news is one-sided enough, giving more consideration to the owners and publishers than to the readers and listeners and viewers. Were the giant media conglomerates able to purchase the ownership of the Radio and TV stations - we would no longer have ANY unbiased "News" reporting. Thank you.

Copyright (c) 2003 ALAN BABIN, Missionary. All rights reserved. Email: abigfoot@midsouth.rr.com, tel: 901.861.1144, Fax: 901.853.5808, Web: www.alanbabin.com, Favorite Scriptures: Matt 22:37-40, Rom 12:6-8, 1 Chronicles

McAfee VirusScan Home Edition
scans all my emails and attachments

From: DavidL1329@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:52 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman
The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
The Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner

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Thank you,
David Higgins
Lakeland, Tennessee

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David Higgins
Lakeland, Tennessee

From: Brdwdr@aol.com
To: bvtn@kbtx.com
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 2:56 PM
Subject: Re Fw Economic growth

Dear Mr Mark P

Thanks for your response. I'm forwarding it to the FCC. I know they will appreciate knowing first hand about your stations lack of interest in the views of the community they are supposed to be serving. The next time your license comes up for renewal, I am sure the FCC will take in to account the fact that you do not appreciate receiving messages from the community. Perhaps you have your own agenda on issues such as economic growth and improving Medicare, and do not want to listen to conflicting viewpoints?

As far as an email writing campaign is concerned, it is my right as a registered voter in the State of Texas to voice my opinion about the concerns I have in a public forum. It's called my first amendment rights. You do have those in Bryan, right?

I am also forwarding your message to the Mayor and City Council members of your city, as well as to other community organizations, in the hope they do not hold your same views. I am also copying the other citizens that wrote to you establishing their viewpoint on these issues.

I am surprised that your web site actually has a link called Mail Call. I will be mailing Mr Jim Baronet, General Manager, a copy of this message.

Please do not suppress the opinions and dialogue from concerned citizens that care enough to express their ideas, feelings, concerns and viewpoints in your media. America just waged a war overseas in a country where political dialogue was forbidden. These men and women can now express their views in public without fear of retribution.

Henry O Edwards III

In a message dated 5/2/2003 1:04:51 PM Eastern Standard Time, bvtn@kbtx.com writes:

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> Since you and Iichul Kim and Jo Ann Frank and Barbara Kean all seem to be
> partners in some sort of organized mass email campaign - I thought I would
> send all the members of the campaign copies of the email each I get it so
> you can see just how often you are successful
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> I thought you would like to see how good it is to get the same message over
> and over and over and over
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> Thanks for asking
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> MarkP
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: <Brdwdr@aol.com>
> To: <bvtn@kbtx.com>
> Sent: Friday, May 02, 2003 10:46 AM
> Subject: Re Fw Economic growth

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> > Hello Any particular reason you are forwarding me these
> messages?
> >
> > Henry Edwards

CC: "Jo Ann Frank", "Ilchul kim", Barbara Kean, marshall@txcyber.com,
jwatson@ci bryan tx us, citycouncilweb@ci bryan tx us, FCC FCCINFO, Campaignlaw, Mike Powell,
Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Tom Fray
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 3 05 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Docket - 02-277

The "relaxation" of what is already disastrously under regulated airwaves will create a propaganda machine even more evil, twisted, and destructive than the one at maximum effect during the brainwashing of the illegal Iraq invasion! The media already determines elections, sways public opinion, and "governs" the masses

Case in point Clear Channel and Fox News amongst the most blatant

Let us remind you - these are PUBLIC airwaves - NOT CORPORATE!!! YOU answer to US - NOT vice versa!

You know damn well the overwhelming power the media has on a delusional American public - they believe whatever the "boob-tube" or other "mainstream" source tells them!

This must not be allowed to happen! On the contrary - this mass propaganda machine must be disassembled and restructured with the interest of the PEOPLE at hand!

WE THE PEOPLE - NOT YOU THE CORPORATE/GOVERNMENT INTERESTS ARE TO BE SERVED
Do your JOB - or simply be replaced!

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From: Lyndunham@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 3:30 PM
Subject: Telecommunications Act of 1996

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Chairman Powell

We are informed that you have proposed a rule change to allow further consolidation of ownership in the broadcast media as well as to remove restrictions on cross-ownership of print media.

Finally, you have brought peace to my household! My wife (a liberal Democrat) and I (a conservative Republican) agree enabling further consolidation in the media is a bad idea.

Your mail undoubtedly is calling attention to the dangers of further media consolidation. We agree with that and feel compelled to call your attention to the very reason we have a Federal Communications Commission in the first place. That is, to bring order to the allocation and operation of the PEOPLE'S resource. The Commission does not exist to enhance economic opportunity for media owners, but to assure the public access to the varied services to which it is entitled by "leasing" (through licensing) the publicly-owned airwaves to the various operators.

Consequently, we believe you should withdraw this proposal and concentrate, instead, on assuring a diversity of opinion and entertainment by vigorously enforcing license requirements, including those pertaining to public service time, local news and access, and, AT LAST, enforcement of engineer licensing to end jacking up the gain on commercials!

The latter, especially, would assure you an honored place in history.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,
Halstead F. Dunham
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Sun City, AZ 85351
623-974-6938)

From: Ron Belanger
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 3 32 PM
Subject: Re-regulate --- reduce media consolidation

The FCC is shortly to decide whether to further de-regulate rules on media ownership

I ask you not to loosen, but to tighten rules which control the number of media outlets which can be owned by any entity and to restrict the ability of entities to own a large number of media outlets in one market

We used to do this correctly and the American people were well served with a diverse choice of radio, television and cable programming. With the concentration that has already happened we have seen a host of problems.

Clear Channel and Infinity now own most stations in most markets. Clear Channel clearly demonstrated the danger of this concentration during the recent Oil War in Iraq when it acted as a cheer leader for the war mongers and lied to Americans about the war and the actions of our own government.

Clear Channel served as a propaganda outlet for the extreme right wing instead of airing balanced information. You must correct this problem with appropriate sanctions against the offenders and make it less likely to happen in the future by reducing media concentration.

Clear Channel lies, cheats, stifles dissent and ABSOLUTELY controls access to the air waves in many markets.

This is untenable and it is inconceivable that the FCC would contemplate making this situation worse rather than fixing this serious abuse of the public trust. That's OUR bandwidth not yours not theirs!

There is another danger. We no longer get local news on our local radio stations. The last time we had a serious wild fire here in San Diego none of the radio stations could be contacted to make public safety announcements about the fire. They were all on autopilot feeding San Diegans pre-digested programming from some central control station in another part of the country. This is wrong. This is dangerous.

Local stations should be just that local. If I want to own a station in San Diego I will be prevented from doing so by Clear Channel and Infinity. They've already trashed our excellent local stations and are feeding us satellite radio on local transmitters. Your job is to ensure fair access to the PUBLIC AIRWAVES they belong to us not to Clear Channel and Infinity.

We pay you to regulate not to de-regulate. Do your job.

Ron Belanger
7122 Cather Court
San Diego, CA 92122
(858) 450-1108

From: Johnny Tightlips
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 3:38 PM
Subject: Media Concentration

I'm scared about what I read about the FCC deregulating media ownership. If we limit ourselves to fewer viewpoints, we limit debate of our country's politics. I hope this doesn't happen. The FCC should do what's best in the public's interest, not the interest of media conglomerates.

Thanks,

Aziz Ansari
Concerned Citizen

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CC: kabernathy@fcc.gov, Michael Copps, Kevin Martin, jadelstein@fcc.gov

From: VFitzp@cs.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 4:04 PM
Subject: Broadcast Monopolies

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

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

I believe the proposed changes would allow large conglomerates to gain control of too much of our radio and TV news.

The American people need to have a variety of opinions on the information that is presented to us.

Sincerely,

Vincent F. Fitzpatrick

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To: Mike Powell
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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 protection that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

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