

From: vkulwicki
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:33 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein: I urge you NOT to relax subject rules. We deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Sincerely, Victor Kulwicki, Shelby Twp, MI

From: Tom Lainson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6 33 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

Please DO NOT relax these rules

Tom Lainson

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From: Gail Tanner
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:39 PM
Subject: proposed broadcast ownership changes

Dear Mr. Adelstein

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Sincerely,

Gail Tanner
P.O. Box 54
Cottageville, SC 29435

From: Donald Pering
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:47 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

I respectfully request that the broadcast ownership rules NOT be relaxed

I fear that if the rules are relaxed that I and the rest of the American public will not have fair and unbiased news and advertisements. Relaxing the the broadcast ownership rules will allow the network giants to monopolize the tv and radio airwaves, and then the American public would only hear news and politics and advertisements that were favored by the monopolies.

Please, I truly believe that relaxed ownership rules will create a "Big Brother" scenario where we will be told what "they" want us to hear, and other views will not be allowed to broadcast. Also, "they" will play favorites in who is allowed to advertise.

Thank you. Donald N. Pering

From: Charles Backhaus
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6 48 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership

Dear Commissioner,

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to not relax the rules of ownership of broadcasting companies

One of the great privileges of living in this country is the ability to hear many persons point of view on each subject. By allowing the broadcasting industry to be owned by fewer people, our news and reporting will be narrowed down to what they want us to hear. We might as well have only a government news agency, like the former Iraq. Competition is the heart of DEMOCRACY. With more points of view, and less slanted news, the people of this country are capable of sorting out what they believe to be true, and have faith in.

Thank you

Charles Backhaus
532 W. Indiana
Wheaton, Ill 60187

From: Carole Marcacci
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:51 PM
Subject: Deregulation of Telecommunications Industry

Dear Charman Powell And Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

I understand that in approximately 3 weeks, the FCC will move to deregulate the telecommunications industry, thereby making it much easier for companies such as Clear Channel to own more and more television and radio stations per capita. I am writing to request that you and the FCC move not to relax or eliminate regulations that are in place that limit the number of television and radio stations in an area which a telecommunications company such as Clear Channel can own.

More and more TV and radio stations are being bought by fewer and fewer companies. My neighbors and I are very concerned about this trend which has been going on for a long time. The trend results in drastically reducing the chances for diversity in ownership of these channels and stations, and thus results in further lack of diversity in television and radio programming, specifically in homogenization of the USA's way of reporting the news. I believe that if the telecommunications industry is given even more opportunity to become owned by just a few large corporations, our democracy as we know it will crumble and cease to exist. It is the fundamental right of the American people, all of whom own the public airwaves, to receive a diversity of points of view and subjects in the news that is reported on television and in radio. If a few companies own all of the TV and radio stations, then this diversity and democracy in journalism will cease, and the all the stations and channels owned by one company will report only the subjects and only in the manner in which the owner company dictates. This result is the very opposite of a democratic exchange of ideas and opinions and will serve to undermine our democracy. If this industry is deregulated even further, one of the consequences will be that it does not matter that the people own the airwaves; because the programming decisions will be in the hands of a very few people. Given this kind of homogeneity, there is no way that TV and radio will continue to represent the very diverse nature of this democratic country.

Please do not relax the regulations any further, and consider the horrible consequences of the FCC's decision to do this before the FCC acts on this agenda. If anything, the FCC should take measures to further restrict companies from owning even half of the TV and radio stations in any given area. The FCC should promote democracy by taking every and any action necessary to preserve the diversity of ownership in the telecommunications industry.

Please inform me of what you intend to do in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carole Marcacci
Acton, MA

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

From: MarkNott@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:58 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Notter
Indianapolis, Indiana 46237-2282

From: Logan, Mary Ellen
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjmweb@fcc.com, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7 00 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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

Sincerely,
Alan R Logan
Hallstead Pa, 18822

From: IRWINFISCH@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:03 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to ask you to deny the request of the media companies to change the broadcast ownership rules. The existing rules have served our nation well, for a number of years, in ensuring that the American public receives the benefit of a broad range of ideas and opinions. If you were to grant the request of the media companies, I could envision parts of the country receiving only the limited views of a single large media conglomerate. This segment of our population would be effectively denied the right to easily have access to opposing views, on major issues of the day. There is no reason, other than media greed, to change a system that is working well, to provide us with needed diversity of views on important subjects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Irwin Fischman
2530 Windrush Lane
Northbrook, IL 60062

From: michael Williams
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:04 PM
Subject: Fw: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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From: michael Williams
To: kjmweb@fcc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 6:52 AM
Subject: Fw: Broadcast Ownership Rules

----- Original Message -----

From: michael Williams
To: jadelste@fcc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 6:50 AM
Subject: Fw: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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From: michael Williams
To: kabernat@fcc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 6:36 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Williams
Richeyville, Pennsylvania 15358-0466

From: larry sweeney
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:08 PM
Subject: "Broadcast Ownership Rules"

Please do NOT relax the "Broadcast Ownership Rules" I think that we could lose our basic freedom of speech Liberty if a few people have the say of what news we hear.

thanks for your time
James L. Sweeney
Richland Hills
TEXAS 76118

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From: Steven David Shipman Jr.
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:11 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

To Whom It May Concern:

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 communication across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a know track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

Some points to consider:

- * If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations.
- * 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 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 precisely the same companies that have tried in the past to keep your 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,
Mr. Steven David Shipman Jr.
Tucson, Arizona 85716

From: MOWilli1@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:12 PM
Subject: Ownership rules changes!

Dear Mr Adelstein

I'm writing you to try to not allow the relaxing of broadcast ownership rules. It seems that if the large Corp take over, then only their opinions would be broadcast to the American public. There have been some examples of this problem in the past and it isn't right that they be allowed to control the information broadcast!

Thank You,
Mike O. Williams
Elizabeth, CO 80107

From: Ted Toscano
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:15 PM
Subject: Please maintain current broadcast ownership rules.

Dear Commissioner Adelstein

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

The 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 view points off the air.

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Sincerely,
Ted Toscano
8 Plummer Road
Bedford, NH 03110-6407

From: MOWilli1@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7 15 PM
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Thank You,

Mike O. Williams
Elizabeth, CO. 80107

From: Alsturkeylegs@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:29 PM
Subject: Broadcast rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein;

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

Thank you,
Sincerely,

Elmer R Fredrick

From: ronald watson
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7 37 PM
Subject: MEDIA MONOPOLY

Gentelmen,

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from 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. 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,
Mr. Ron Watson
Belpre, Ohio 45714-8009

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

From: Fred Linford
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:39 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rule

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner FCC

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

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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,

Frederick S. Linford
Phoenix, Arizona 85048-7907

From: kcgross@comcast.net
To: Undisclosed-Recipient :@fcc.gov
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7 40 PM
Subject: Do NOT relax broadcast ownership rules

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing because I have a sincere concern about the potential relaxation of broadcast ownership rules that protect Americans from media monopolies. I am asking you to please not relax these rules. The changes would lead to the large media conglomerates gaining control of all radio and television news and information across our country. Independent voices **MUST** be heard.

Many of the corporations, for example Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC, that are lobbying the FCC to relax these rules already have a track record in attempting to keep opposing views off the air.

As American citizens, we deserve to hear a diverse spectrum of views on issues that concern us so we can exercise our right to vote intelligently. This is what a democracy is all about, is it not?

I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in America.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Gross

4713 Knapp Court

Ellicott City, MD 21043-6517

From: Dale Joswick
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7 56 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

I am writing this email to urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would lay the foundation 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 the right to hear more than one point of view on important issues to enable the American people to make informative decisions. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom(s), I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

Dale A Joswick

From: Theresa Luke
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:58 PM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

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

Sincerely,

Theresa Luke
118 Eberhard Ave.
Palatka, FL 32177

From: David
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:08 PM
Subject: Relaxation of Broadcast Rules

Mr. Powell
Ms. Abernathy
Mr. Copps
Mr. Martin
Mr. Adelstein

My name is David Blair and I reside in York, Pennsylvania. I am writing to urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. My concern has to do with the First Amendment which guarantees the freedom of speech. This amendment was written not only to protect the freedom of speech, but the freedom of the press from interference from government agencies or private organizations that would suppress the truth.

The proposed changes would pave the way for the giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. The executives of these conglomerates have been notorious for restricting the airing of information that opposes their personal positions on a given subject. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules have a known track record in attempting to keep the 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 Republic and the freedoms it represents, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

I am a patron member of the National Rifle Association and although we often speak about the Second Amendment, we take a strong stand on the Constitution as a whole which includes the Bill of Rights. If we restrict any one of these, we endanger our Republic, our democracy, and our freedoms.

Sincerely

W. David Blair
York, Pennsylvania 17403-4789

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

From: Bruce & Sandy
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8 10 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,

Bruce Swaisgood
Polk, Ohio 44866

From: Scanlon Matt
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Matt Scanlon
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:15 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein.

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

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Sincerely,
Matt Scanlon

From: docmous
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:24 PM
Subject: ownership

Dear Mr. Adelstein

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

These proposed changes would open the way for giant media companies to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information, in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing views off the air.

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Sincerely

Mr. Richard Sperling

Virginia Beach, Virginia

From: dennis farrell
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:25 PM
Subject: media

Dear Mr Adelstein:
We don't need a media monopoly in the U S.A
I would like to have a choice of viewpoints

Thanks
Dennis Farrell

From: steeragemate@att.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:25 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Sincerely,

Thomas and Margarette Gatchell
Prescott, AZ 86305

From: Keith Sether
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:30 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,

Mr. Keith M. Sether
International Falls, MN 56649-0493

From: fredricz@attbi.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:34 PM
Subject: Say no to relax the broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr Adelstein:

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

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Sincerely,

Robert Zervos (r zervos@attbi.com)

From: Robert Walker
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:39 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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Robert Walker