

**From:** Buzz Fenner  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:09 PM  
**Subject:** 6/2 Public Hearing

Sir,

I live in a community of approximately 55,000; Clear Channel Communication owns 5 radio stations. I understand that the commission will vote along party lines and further loosen the rules that allow corporations to cross-own media outlets.

I can imagine that, next; the corporations will advocate new rules that'll strengthen their monopolistic positions.

I made a 700-mile auto trip recently and was not very surprised to find a clear lack of diversity in radio stations. Same music, same on-air personalities, (probably) same owner. "McRadio" I call it. Clear Channel has ruined radio for me and other people I know. I can just imagine what is going to happen, once the rules are relaxed for the benefit of large corporations and to the detriment of the American public.

Buzz Fenner  
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**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjmwebb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** George M. Schmiedeshoff  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:14 PM  
**Subject:** Please Oppose Rule Changes

Dear Commissioners,

I write to oppose the proposed rule changes that will make it easier for large corporations (or wealthy individuals) to own many information outlets in the same geographical area. I believe that these rule changes will restrict the free flow of ideas that helps make our country what it is: the best in the world.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Respectfully,

George Schmiedeshoff  
Pasadena, California

**From:** Harold M. Haider  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:17 PM  
**Subject:** Do Not Expand Ownership Rights In Broadcast Areas.

Lady and Gentlemen:

Do not increase the size of the broadcast market available to one entity (or related entities) in a geographic area.

The "Public Airways" need to be available to all Americans; Black, White, Catholic, Jew, Man, Woman, etc.

We cannot afford to have the broadcast media controlled by the "de facto" monopolies that are forming.

If some one has such extreme personal needs that they are required to control a geographic area; Let them invest in Cable.

Harold M. Haider  
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**From:** Jeff Buckley  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:22 PM  
**Subject:** Request for broadcast multiple ownership rules vote delay

**Attn:** Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

**Re:** Request for broadcast multiple ownership rules vote delay  
Request for public release of proposed rules changes

Please delay Monday's vote to change existing media ownership rules. Please release the text of the proposed media ownership rules changes and allow adequate time for public review and comment prior to a vote.

The purpose for the existence of the FCC is to protect public interest in broadcasting; See *Regents of New Mexico College v Albuquerque Broadcasting Co.*, 158 F.2d 900 (1947) and *FCC v National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting*, 436 U.S. 775 (1978). To promote the protection of public interest, please delay Monday's vote and publicly release your proposed media ownership rules changes.

For your reference, here are links to two articles about the public response to your plan to vote on new rules governing media ownership:

Stop the FCC's Covert Operation by Thane Peterson  
BusinessWeek online - May 30, 2003  
[http://www.businessweek.com/print/bwdaily/dnflash/may2003/nf20030530\\_8491\\_db028.htm?db](http://www.businessweek.com/print/bwdaily/dnflash/may2003/nf20030530_8491_db028.htm?db)

FCC Plan to Alter Media Rules Spurs Growing Debate by Frank Ahrens  
Washington Post - May 28, 2003  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A46442-2003May27?language=printer>

I am copying this email message to Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Jim McDermott, my representatives in Congress.

Thank you,

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**From:** Larry Buchalter  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:24 PM  
**Subject:** Proceeding # 02-277

May 30,2003 11:35 am

Please Do not allow any further relaxation of ownership rules AND further concentration of ownership patterns. This will turn radio and television into monopolistic enterprises. The media are already oligopolistic industries with few choices for new entrants into the narrowing field. This action restricts consumer choices, virtually eliminates any meaningful democratic participation and restricts alternative programming and format creativity and choice from media industry participants themselves.

Members of ethnic minority and other marginalized groups(disabled, sexual orientation) are currently

,historically unable to broadcast their own cultural and political messages and will further be unable to do so.

Please do not de-regulate any further. Go in the other direction. Make licenses available to middle and lower class people so that a true , richer democracy can be allowed to flourish!! Allow for low-power fm and am broadcasting to be a lower cost participatory form of broadcasting so that more voices can be heard!!

thank you

Lawrence Jay Buchalter

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**From:** Howard Glazer  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:24 PM  
**Subject:** Broadcast Ownership

Dear Commisioner Abernathy,

I believe altering current ownership guidelines would be detrimental for our communities.

Please support maintaining the current ownership policy.

Thank You.  
Howard Glazer

**From:** gary supinski  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:26 PM  
**Subject:** I am opposed to easing of station ownership rules !

Hello,

I am opposed to easing of station ownership rules !

Gary Supinski  
Toledo, Ohio

**From:** Bill Askew  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:40 PM  
**Subject:** Monday Meeting

Commissioner Abernathy,

I'm sure you have heard all the arguments I could make opposing the upcoming vote to deregulate ownership of media in this country. So I just want to say one thing to you now:

Please consider the one fact that I believe you know. The uproar of organizations and individuals in and around and throughout the United States shows there is an overwhelming majority against deregulation. I heard one quote from one commissioner (I don't know if it is accurate, but surely the statement is true.) I paraphrase: We are about to enact the most unpopular ruling in the history of the FCC. I've heard of no one that is for this except of Chairman Powell, the other two Republican commissioners, the media moguls that will benefit, and one talking head on CNN in a panel discussion. How many emails and letters in favor of deregulation has the FCC gotten in a ratio to those opposing?

Thank you,

Bill Askew  
Cape Canaveral, FL

**From:** Drake,George - Math Dept  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:42 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

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Dear People:

Democracy demands media which is not controlled by a few. You have responsibilities which far exceed your lifetimes. Please stop the expansion of the control of the media by a few. Do not deregulate

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**From:** Matthew Rochlin  
**To:** Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:43 PM  
**Subject:** do not allow media consolidation by changing the broadcast ownership rules

Please do not help further consolidate the media by further easing the broadcast ownership rules. The public airwaves have only become more homogenized and filled with useless junk as the companies have consolidated their ownership.

What can the public possibly gain from further consolidation. I believe it only increases profit margins for companies that have shown no interest in the public interest.

Thank You

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**From:** brendan finucane  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:50 PM  
**Subject:** consolidation vote

To whom it may concern;

I feel that:

Democracy=free and \*diverse\* speech.

Corporate consolidation=media whose sole raison d'etre is, and only can be, profit.

What is profitable is most often antithetical to content diversity.

unfortunately, understandably.

Democracy, or what remains of it, = worth saving.

The fcc must help protect a space, safe from capital, carved out for a free press and an independant media. And unfortunately this sounds like optimism today.

But for the vote tomorrow, i urge you not to allow the situation to worsen.

I urge you to support whatever caps and anti-trust regulations remain in place.

thanks for your consideration-

brendan

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**From:** Susan Korbelt  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:50 PM  
**Subject:** Please postpone

TO: FCC Commissioners

Please, please postpone your media ownership deliberations tomorrow. There is so much to say about the negative impact such a change would make on our world, and so very little time.

Please!

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request,  
Susan Korbelt

**From:** Annia  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:59 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Deregulation

Ms. Abernathy,

Every indication and fact in the case shows you and the other commissioners have been biased by your close ties to industry and severely limited public hearing process. I strongly urge you to reconsider - the current administration and your future aspirations will be held to account for this dishonest and foolhardy undermining of the public good.

Very Sincerely,  
Annia Polaczek

**From:** Meg Barnes  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:01 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Meg Barnes (mbdezine@aol.com) writes:

I heard you on PRI the other evening. Thanks for being so honest. here's my email to Chairman Powell:

Please reconsider your vote coming up soon. Allowing Newspapers and Television and Radio stations to be under the same ownership does not encourage diversity, but squash it.

Studies in Los Angeles, for example, show that when duocracies are created, where braodcast markets get consolidated, children's programming was reduced 50%.

I'm already concerned with the capitalization of news by corporate sponsors and owers. Putting public information in the hands of even fewer owners can only erode our freedom of speech and information even more.

Please stop this vote for the sake of the free-flow of information Please help us preserve the fifth-column to ensure America's health

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**From:** Ed Wilber  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:11 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed changes - media consolidation

We are OPPOSED to proposed regulatory changes which would allow for the control of media by consolidated conglomerates. This move would be a direct threat to the proliferation of free speech and democracy by restricting public influence to a few select groups of power brokers. The move would also restrict local competition in the marketplace.

David Sity  
Lynne MacFarlane

**From:** george riley  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:12 PM  
**Subject:** Don't expand ownership rules

Do not, PLEASE do not, open up the ownership rules on the media. Too much concentration already exists. There are other issues. Our public airways should be generating revenue for the federal government, not be gifts to industry. There ought to be less costly political candidate access. There needs to be more opportunity to hear different viewpoints. There needs to be more competition, not less. The one thing we do not need is more media concentration. Don't let FOX and Clear Channel run away with our democracy. George and Judy Riley, 1198 castro rd, Monterey, ca, 93940

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**From:** Katheryne Young  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:23 PM  
**Subject:** STOP MEDIA DE-REGULATION!!!!

Please preserve the integrity of our media. Stop consolidation by big companies: this will effect the quality, diversity and freedom of our public media and press. This is very important to us as our nation is begining to look more and more like a facist regime.  
Sincerely, Katheryne and Susan Young (UCSB and CSUCI, voters)

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**From:** grindell@email.arizona.edu  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:34 PM  
**Subject:** FCC rule change on ownership

I oppose the FCC proposed rule change scheduled for June 2. It sounds like a very bad idea. Media companies get to use the PUBLIC airwaves in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the PUBLIC interest. Make sure the FCC sticks to it's job and oppose the rule change.

Beth Grindell  
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**From:** Stewart Dutfield  
**To:** Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:40 PM  
**Subject:** consolidation, June 2nd decision

Esteemed commissioners,

I very much appreciate the value that you place upon public feedback. I am glad to provide you with the opinion of one who considers himself a citizen more than a consumer. In common with the vast majority of US residents, I do not own a media outlet. I heartily oppose the proposed revisions to ownership regulations.

While the current state of media ownership is far from ideal, I favor a regulatory role that fosters the free exchange of ideas, which the proposed regulation changes will inhibit.

The health of our democracy and of our economy depend upon a "marketplace of ideas" in which many viewpoints can prosper. Such a marketplace depends upon diversity, locality and competition among media outlets. To constrain the exchange of ideas ultimately undermines the social conditions upon which our enterprise economy depends. Those who went through the decline and fall of the Soviet Union surely understand this.

To suggest that the economic "marketplace" always works to our collective benefit, even as it undermines locality and diversity, is self-defeating. Monoculture has driven the American economy to a position of greatness in the world. But that greatness originates in the same diversity that holds the key to its sustenance over time. The FCC should protect the capacity of our media and our society to generate the new and sometimes strange ideas that will keep our democracy alive. I believe that the proposed revisions to media ownership regulations will have the opposite effect.

Please do whatever you can to protect diversity of ownership by rejecting these proposed revisions.

Thank you,

Stewart Dutfield  
Catskill NY

**From:** Katheryne Young  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:41 PM  
**Subject:** STOP MEDIA DE-REGULATION!!!!

Please preserve the integrity of our media. Stop consolidation by big companies: this will effect the quality, diversity and freedom of our public media and press. This is very important to us as our nation is beginning to look more and more like a facist regime.

Sincerely, Katheryne and Susan Young (UCSB and CSUCI, voters)

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**From:** Marj Lynn  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:41 PM  
**Subject:** Biennial Regulatory Review by FCC

Dear Commissioner,

I implore you to maintain the current broadcast ownership rules and not allow cross-ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers. The information citizens receive depends on your Commission maintaining a fair use of communications with access to all points of view. You should be protecting the citizens from domination of information from one point of view, which a change in the rules would lead to.

Please do not allow multiple ownership and dilute our protections. You have an obligation to speak for the consumer and not for the owners, who would limit the points of view we receive.

Thank you for protecting the citizens of our country.

Marjorie Lynn  
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senator@kennedy.senate.gov

**From:** Jean Reger  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:44 PM  
**Subject:** Deregulation of the American Media

Dear Commissioners:

I am deeply concerned about the possibility of further deregulation of the American media. This proposed deregulation threatens the ideals of America--the ideals of openness, free speech, free expression and free discussion, which are the backbone of our Constitution and our democracy.

Therefore, I urge you to take the following actions:

1. Delay the June 2nd vote by the FCC.
2. Testify before Congress so that the Representatives of the American people can have the opportunity to question the representatives of the Bush Administration.
3. Allow for, and consider, additional public input. The FCC must provide sufficient opportunity for public input on a decision that affects every American.

Please give this your careful consideration.

Respectfully,

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Jean Reger jreger@stny.rr.com

**CC:** Fred Elmer

**From:** Shep Williams  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:56 PM  
**Subject:** Rules re ownership

Count my vote with the overwhelming majority of citizens against relaxing rules limiting ownership of media (such as they are). It's mind-boggling that you are even considering this vote. Given the recent homogeneity of major media coverage of the buildup to the Iraq war, the nearly complete lack of questioning of the administration in spite of the transparently fraudulent rationale for the war, and the lack of coverage given to voices opposed to war - despite the fact that over 50% of Americans polled were against the war unless the U.N. sanctioned it and the vast majority of the world's population was opposed to the war - you should be considering productive ways to break-up the media conglomerates and increase the limits on ownership. Allowing for more diverse ownership will benefit the public and help insure a healthy debate on critical issues like invading other countries. Vote no and go back to the drawing board to break up Murdoch's empire.

Henry Miller

**From:** Jack Beinashowitz  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:58 PM  
**Subject:** No to the proposed rule changes

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

I am writing to urge you NOT to relax the rules concerning broadcast ownership. The airwave belong to the American People and not to business or corporate interests. The best way to ensure diversity in broadcast - something essential for a healthy democracy - is to restrict corporations from owning too big a slice of the industry. Market forces simply will not work in this regard as has been proven over and over again. I urge you to fulfil your responsibility to the public by rejecting these new rule changes.

Sincerely,  
Jack Beinashowitz

**From:** Timothy Reed  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:02 PM  
**Subject:** Democracy

Dear Ms. Abernathy

Since Mr. Bush has been president we have seen our personal rights taken away in favor of more power for the corporations. Allowing these massive media corporations to have even more power can only reduce competition and hinder freedom of the press. Please do not relax controls on media ownership.

Thank You,  
Timothy Reed  
St Petersburg, FL

**From:** Harris Goldberg  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:12 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Harris Goldberg (harrisg@concertideas.com) writes:

Please DO NOT ease the restrictions on the media companies.

Companies like Clear Channel have helped ruin radio.

Please vote against this.

Harris Goldberg

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**From:** David  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:16 PM  
**Subject:** Media ruling

Mr. Powell:

The proposed altering of media ownership regulations will be nothing less than an initial, potentially lethal, crack in the democratic dike of an informed public.

The gravity of the situation is such that it marks the first time, in my 65 years, I have entertained serious concerns about the severely negative repercussions the action of a politically appointed government agency might have on the long-term viability of this Republic and its citizens.

I am alarmed that this far-reaching action is even considered in such an isolated and undemocratic manner, a one-man decision, apparently without benefit of much commission member participation.

The current administration displays a disturbing lack of distinction between political spin and factual elision. Such penchant for political expediency is disturbing. Thus, history may well point to your action, in this instance, as the opening for future government controlled media mischief.

Respectfully,

David A. Browning

**From:** Katy Flynn  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:17 PM  
**Subject:** Media Deregulation

As an American citizen, I strongly object to the loosening of restraints on ownership of the public airwaves and newspapers. For a democracy to succeed citizens need a variety of opinions and news sources. Local and regional news coverage is vital. Furthermore, I object to the decisions being made with very little public input. The average citizen is unaware of the big changes you are contemplating because surprising there has been little news, except for cspan  
Your commission is supposed to protect the interest of American citizens, not big business monopolies.  
Sincerely  
R Flynn

**From:** McPherson  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:21 PM  
**Subject:** Not to big

Dear Sir,

My interests have NOT been served by larger companies owning more and more of the media.

The press must be kept free from business influence.

I am opposed to consolidation of the media.

Please keep Speech Free

Thank You,

David McPherson

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**From:** McPherson  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:25 PM  
**Subject:** Opposition

Dear Madam,

My interests have NOT been served by larger companies owning more and more of the media.

The press must be kept free from business influence.

I am opposed to consolidation of the media.

Please keep Speech Free

Thank You,

David McPherson

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