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Dear Mr Copps

This is another effort by the "elite" in this country to tie up the media and control what information the populace receives. It is unconstitutional and another effort to further government tyranny.

Hang in there I appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely

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# Opponents of the Media Monopoly Have Ally at FCC

*Americans who oppose the media monopoly's continuing grab for greater power and political clout have an ally on the Federal Communications Commission.*

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By Michael Collins Piper

**T**here's at least one member of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) who is standing in the way of the drive to dismantle the FCC's newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership rules which prohibit media giants from owning both newspapers and broadcasting outlets in the same communities—a certain formula for political power and influence

The FCC's plans were first revealed nationally by AFP in a front page story on Dec. 16, which stimulated widespread, last-minute action by people across the country who bombarded the FCC with angry e-mails and letters, resulting in at least a temporary setback for the plans, as noted in a subsequent report published on the front page of AFP's Feb. 3 issue

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Now, in the wake of that controversy, *The New York Times* reported in a story buried in its business section on Feb. 2 that FCC Chairman Michael Powell still intends to push for deregulation, widespread popular opposition notwithstanding. AFP reported this story on the front page in the March 24 issue.

However, Powell also has opposition within FCC ranks. FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps—a former history professor at Loyola University of the South—is the one commission member who has expressed vocal concerns about Powell's apparent enthusiasm for permitting the media monopoly to expand its clout.

Copps needs to hear from Americans who share his concerns and to know that he has the support of those who do. You can e-mail Copps at [mcopps@fcc.gov](mailto:mcopps@fcc.gov) or write him: Michael J. Copps, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. ★