



August 3, 2004

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
TWA325  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Submission to MB Docket 04-207 and MB Docket 04-227

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I would like to submit the enclosed article from *Washington Monthly*, "My Beef with Big Media: How government protects big media—and shuts out upstarts like me," by Ted Turner, for publication in MB Docket 04-207 and MB Docket 04-227. The article aptly summarizes how the FCC's relaxation of media ownership rules has prevented independent entrepreneurs from competing with media giants. Mr. Turner suggests that big media companies have dominated the marketplace at the expense of diversity, quality, localism, and democratic debate in programming. Unless lawmakers take steps to reverse the trend in media consolidation in cable and direct broadcast satellite service, the market will continue to be closed to new ideas and the American public will continue to suffer from a lack of meaningful choice in media viewpoints.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth DeGraff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kenneth DeGraff  
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