

of its goals and an enemy to the democratic process. Allowing false, misleading or unsourced information on any news network or media outlet that claims objectivity is a greater obscenity than breasts, curse words, or sex. If falsehoods are presented as facts, or defensible, solid facts are absent from a journalistic piece, these are quantifiable abuses of the responsibility of the media and these abuses are no better than stealing, cursing or insider trading. It is an abuse of power, and it is currently unchecked. You have the power to regulate these issues: I urge you to do so.

Thanks for your time,
Matthew Freeman

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Stephanie Kost

From: mandy hanks [seathroughit@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2004 11:02 AM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein; FOIA; Webmaster; Campaignlaw; FCCINFO
Subject: Concerned

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to make you aware that I am deeply troubled by the increased deregulation of major corporate media outlets.

I have had serious concerns about current media reform beginning with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and these are now deepened by the new FCC rules that allow one company to own a daily newspaper, as many as three television stations, and up to eight radio stations in a single market. These changes benefit large media corporations like Clear Channel and News Corporation, as well as Viacom, owner of CBS; General Electric, owner of NBC; and Disney, owner of ABC.

These benefits come at the expense of quality local and national news, necessary for a thriving democracy. Giant media corporations have vested interests and agendas which, when unregulated, do not serve the public good, but rather the profit margins of major media outlets and their advertisers.

Since 1995, corporate media giants and their affiliates have spent \$124 million on political contributions and lobbyists in Washington. Although I can't compete with this kind of influence economically, I would like to make you aware that there are millions of Americans who are outraged by the current trend of FCC deregulation that favors corporate profiteering over a healthy mental environment and informed citizenry.

I personally know more than fifty individuals in my community (Albuquerque, NM) who share this sentiment, and each of those people in turn knows others. We represent a significant portion of the American public. I urge you to listen to the American people. Rethink and overturn these FCC rules that do not serve the American people or our democracy.

Sincerely,
Amanda Hanks

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Stephanie Kost

From: Laurie Welch [lawelch1@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2004 12:45 AM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: tighten regulations

Mr. Copps,

Please protect the real news business by going after the mega corporation ownership of radio newspapers and television stations. This is truly out of control. I have difficulty finding a real news source that tells the truth responsibly. We really need to have access to all sides of an issue to make sound decisions.

Thank you,

Laurie Welch

Stephanie Kost

From: Karyn Ulriksen [valkaryn@valkaryn.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2004 2:50 PM
To: Michael Powell
Cc: Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing regarding the lack of balanced journalism prevailing in our news organizations these days. It is obvious that the presentation of facts are being framed in a starkly biased fashion by media outlets that are owned by a handful of conglomerates. It is my understanding that laws were originally put into place that prevented any megaconglomerate from having undue political influence in our mass media. The intent of those laws had been to assure that a wide variety of viewpoints were offered and to further the concept that american journalism was not to be bound to unnatural concerns.

I urge the FEC to strictly limit the number of mass media outlets that can be owned and/or operated by corporations, conglomerates, and/or their associated affiliates.

Best regards,

Karyn Ulriksen
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Stephanie Kost

From: JOHN DAWS [DAWSJ1@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2004 10:59 PM
To: Michael Powell
Cc: Michael Powell
Subject: Relaxing Broadcast ownership rules

I just wanted to voice my objection to relaxing ownership rules. If this comes to pass it will limit the views we can access, and that would be a disservice to the public which you are supposed to represent. I feel some of my views have been censored in the past by major media corporation who were serving their own selfish agenda and if these rules are relaxed that will give these major media outlets much more lee way to do the same.

Sincerely A Concerned Citizen
Jay Daws

Stephanie Kost

From: Jean Deschene [myfelina@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2004 3:45 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Opposition to Media Bias and Media Concentration

Dear Commissioner Powell,

I am opposed to the continued media bias and media concentration that results from the recent rules that were promulgated by the FCC. I understand that these rules have now been returned to the FCC for revision and clarification; I urge you and the other members of the Commission to strengthen and protect the American public's interest in the use of our airwaves by those holding licenses. We expect and depend on the FCC to represent the American citizens and not powerful corporations in its regulatory mission

The mass media in the United States is extremely concentrated, and the messages that they send are too broadly uniform. Six global corporations control more than half of all mass media in our country: newspapers, magazines, books, radio and television. Our democracy is being swamped by the confluence of money, politics and concentrated media. We must reclaim our democracy from the accelerating grip of big-money politics and concentrated corporate media. This requires real campaign finance reform, which means public financing of public elections; some free access to ballot qualified candidates on television and radio; vigorous antitrust regulation and enforcement; ending broadcasters' free licensed use of the public airwaves; and the reversion of some organized time on our publicly owned airwaves to establish audience-controlled radio and TV networks to ensure the diversity of voices and solutions necessary for a really free press and a true civic democracy.

Thank you for your attention my comments and concerns.

**Regards,
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Stephanie Kost

From: Jackie Wadell [jackir8@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2004 8:16 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Stop this madness!

We, the american people want diversity and a free flow of information in our press. After all, what is more indecent? An exposed breast appearing on television for one second, or a bunch of giant media conglomerates ignoring the tragedy and pain of US soldiers dying in a war they were sent into for a lie?

A REVOLUTION IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN - YOU CAN'T HIDE THE TRUTH FROM US ANYMORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stephanie Kost

From: Jack Riley [jriley23384@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2004 9:34 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: MEDIA

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE? I DO NOT LIKE THE MEDIA CONTROL HERE BUT WHAT REALLY TROUBLES ME IS RUSH LIMBAUGH BEING THE ONLY VOICE THAT THE ARMED SERVICES HEAR. HIS MESSAGE IS ALL LIES AND HATE AND DOES NOT REFLECT AMERICAN VIEWS. THIS CAN'T GO ON!

Stephanie Kost

From: Jack M Light [jmlight@juno.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2003 11:49 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Impending Changes In FCC Regulations

Dear Sir:

I believe the greatest threat to our freedom is not from Islamic Militants but rather, it is from a growing corporate control over our every day lives - especially in our media. Surely you do not want to be remembered as one who was so bedazzled by Rupert M. and his ilk that you virtually destroyed the independent smaller media outlets. We have seen the bias reflected in much of the mass media now afraid to take independent views. The eradication of the limitations on market penetration by the powerhouse media conglomerates will destroy our free press, blunt our access to unbiased news and analysis and sap the vitality of a free and analytical press. It is censorship by the rich and powerful. It is a disgrace in the making. I cannot imagine why you are seeking these changes and what they surely portend to all who truly believe in our Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Above all, the American people have the right to learn about and debate the proposed changes before they are adopted. The media today has scarcely even covered these proposed changes. This is a sad commentary on where we are headed. How can you do this? You, of all people..

Stephanie Kost

From: iflynnr [iflynnr@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2004 1:15 AM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Citizen Comment

Hey, there's a good movie you should check out!

The best way to defeat media censorship is to start at the top with the Federal Communications Commission and Michael Powell (he's Colin Powell's son).

Although the Chairman of the FCC is against media regulation, he sure has had no problem waging an unreasonable war on indecency in the media. To stop this madness, we must hound his office constantly, to let him know that we want diversity and a free flow of information in our press. After all, what is more indecent? An exposed breast appearing on television for one second, or a bunch of giant media conglomerates ignoring the tragedy and pain of US soldiers dying in a war they were sent into for a lie?

Flynn Rosenthal

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Oakland CA

Stephanie Kost

From: gee dubya [gwbushsucks@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2004 12:12 AM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: we be watching

We're watching. Don't be trying to sneek legislation by just because I'm trying to get re-elected!

No more ownership of multiple radio stations!

Stephanie Kost

From: firebyrd@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2004 11:04 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
Charlene Root
8634 Friends Avenue
Whittier, CA 90602

Stephanie Kost

From: fford@smmusd.org
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2004 4:12 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
Dr. Frank Ford
1046 22nd Street
Santa Monica, CA 90403

Stephanie Kost

From: F T (Ted) Cloak [tcloak@unm.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2004 9:11 PM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

Dear Commissioner:

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

Sincerely,

F.T. (Ted) Cloak, Jr.
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Albuquerque, NM 87104-1231

Stephanie Kost

From: zebodog@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 1:43 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
Amy Marks
775 65th St
Oakland, CA 94609

Stephanie Kost

From: wikle@usa.net
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 1:33 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
Kenneth Wikle
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Villa Grande, CA 95486

Stephanie Kost

From: w_bein@msn.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 1:17 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
William Bein
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Stephanie Kost

From: vonkswagen@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2004 11:30 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
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Boise, ID 83709
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Stephanie Kost

From: vmathews@calpoly.edu
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2004 1:00 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,

Valene Mathews
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Stephanie Kost

From: Viviancarm@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2004 12:13 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
Vivian Carmichael
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Wilton, CA 95693

Stephanie Kost

From: tsmall51@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 2:00 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
Tom Small
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Stephanie Kost

From: tracey@eorbit.net
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 1:45 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Honestly, I believe that even 35% ownership makes a mockery of the spirit of anti-trust, and that the real ownership limits should be much smaller. But I know that the previous cap was 35%, so I would like to urge you to at least restore the previous cap.

I cannot think of a single more critical thing to an honest and well functioning democracy than a diverse media that allows the airing of opposing viewpoints. The recent media consolidation has had the opposite effect, and it is having a chilling effect on our ability as CITIZENS AND VOTERS to make well informed decisions about our leaders.

Societies that air one viewpoint are called dictatorships. Is that what we want in this country?

Thank you,
Tracey Thomas
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Berkeley, CA 94703

Stephanie Kost

From: tom10@rightbrainassociates.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 1:24 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
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Stephanie Kost

From: thirdearlwomble@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2004 1:54 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
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Stephanie Kost

From: thedworins@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2004 9:59 AM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

I am concerned about the power a handful of major media companies exert on what we hear, read and see. Please adopt new rules that cap ownership at 35% and prohibit cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.

Thank you,
Jeanne Dworin
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