

I am convinced that the media holds great influence in our society. For that reason alone, I am very concerned about the concentration of control of the media in the hands of so few corporations.

If Comcast and Time Warner are allowed to merge with Adelphia, the two companies will control nearly 50 percent of the national market. This level of concentration in the cable industry is not healthy for the free flow of ideas necessary to maintain a free society.

In many communities, the truly independent sources of local news, information and culture come from the public channels produced at the local access centers. Unfortunately, local channels lack the resources to produce the programming that citizens want and need.