

Dear Commissioners:

Please don't allow more media consolidation. When different companies control the TV, radio and print news in my community they compete with each other to provide me better local and national news.

It is already a potentially dangerous (to the public's rights) proposition when a very small number of unelected, unaccountable officials have the power to limit "acceptable" media content.

It is bordering on criminal when those same unelected officials (YOU - The FCC) are even CONSIDERING allowing further consolidation of media ownership.

Anyone with a satellite dish, who has ready access to worldwide news sources, knows how politically biased and often downright inaccurate US news has become as media outlets have become more and more consolidated under fewer and fewer owners.

The press, which in my youth was considered the "4th estate" capable of keeping government honest through timely and accurate reporting, NOW has become VERY MUCH complicit in the spreading of misinformation for personal, political and financial gain - ALL as a result of a small number of media companies being allowed to continue to own a greater share of the media outlets.

STOP FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF MEDIA OWNERSHIP NOW! Try to remember long ago when people had faith in public officials. We no longer do - and the FCC is considered one of the worst offenders.

Protect OUR rights as citizens to a free, competitive and thus less corruptible press.

I don't want the same company that owns my TV station or my radio station to also own my newspaper I would just get the same news all over again.

I rely on the media to find out about national and local issues. I want to feel confident that I can get all the viewpoints I need to make well-reasoned decisions about these issues. I also want media outlets in my town to care about my needs and interests.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I look forward to hearing from you about your efforts to ensure diversity, localism and independence in our media.

Sincerely,
Robert Brown