

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.

There is nothing more important to a democracy than an independent and diverse media.

It has been recognized for a long time in this society that corporate monopoly is as much an enemy to democracy as government censorship. As prominent a Republican as Teddy Roosevelt recognized the threat that corporate monopoly could pose.

This is not a partisan issue, unless democracy itself is a partisan issue. Free speech that is monopolized is not free speech.

Thankyou.

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,
Paul Kane

