

Please do not permit 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.

The last time this idea was bruted when Michael Powell was chair, I was part of the huge outcry. After that I can't believe that your committee is now trying to do this yet again.

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.

I would like to hear from you about your efforts to ensure diversity, localism and independence in our media.