

It is my opinion that mega media has not been good for this country, and I hope that you do not allow more media consolidation. You surely must agree that as more of our news media comes under the control of large corporations, the more our news is controlled a few individuals. An example is the performance of Clearwater during the 2004 elections. We need competition and independent sources for our news.

I goes without saying that if the same company that owns my TV station or my radio station also owns my newspaper. I would just get the same news and the same bias from both.

I rely on my local media sources to find out about national and local issues. And 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.