

Dear FCC:

I write to urge you not to weaken the strong media ownership rules that have helped protect the rights of viewers and listeners like me. A strong democracy depends on its citizens having a wide variety of viewpoints to decide from. Those viewpoints should be diverse and derived from local sources, not simply homogenized, recycled feeds from big media companies saying the same thing in their "local" newspaper and on their various "local television stations."

As the Media Chair for the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW NM), I would like to remind you that you have a RESOLUTION from this organization asking you NOT TO WEAKEN the rules regulating media ownership. We are a national organization of hundreds of thousands of professional women.

The continuation of our democratic form of government depends on objective coverage of news events locally, nationally and internationally.

As a private citizen, I plead with you not to bend to the wishes of huge conglomerates to allow more consolidation, thereby limiting coverage of both sides of a controversy.

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