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From: AL10BAILEY@wmconnect.com
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 3:40 PM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Cops; Jonathan Adelstein; dtaylorataweb; Robert McDowell
Subject: (no subject)

Commissioner:

Stop media consolidation of buying more and more radio, TV stations in all American communities. All stations with same news is like taking over our country. Local, state news is very important. Please STOP THE BIGGER GETTING BIGGER. INFECT SMALLER MEANS BETTER VERITY.

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From: Michael Mates [mamateamd@aol.com]
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To: KJMWEB
Subject: *Comments to the Chairman*

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Michael Mates (mamateamd@aol.com) writes:

Dear Chairman Martin:

Re: Don't Consolidate my Media - (Docket # 06-121)

Competition and freedom of speech have made the United States the greatest economic force in the world. A key responsibility of the Federal government is to maintain an environment that promotes competition and ensures free speech.

As the FCC reconsiders its media ownership rules, please don't allow more media consolidation. When different companies control the TV, radio and newspapers in my community, they compete with each other to provide me better local and national news and information.

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 recycled for a different outlet.

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.

Sincerely,

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From: Gail Lawing [glawing@regionalreps.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 10:43 AM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: Consolidation and Minority Ownership Issues

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Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on the consolidation and minority ownership issue. As a woman who has been in radio for 25 years and woman who is currently ready to become a first time entrant into the radio ownership realm, I am totally opposed to further consolidation.

I recently attended and graduated from the Broadcast Leadership Training program through the NAB. I attended this course to get the tools and make the contacts I would need in order to fulfill my dream of ownership. My model is to go into small (small meaning 200+ in the ranks) markets, like an Elizaj, Georgia or Blue Earth, Minnesota. Here's what I've encountered in the pursuit of my dream and goal of ownership:

- 1) Bias on the part of brokers presenting unviable properties for purchase. Being a "bottom feeder" as was termed by many to describe myself, that is exactly what has been brought to my attention for consideration. The BIG groups get first access to properties with any appeal.
- 2) The BIG guys (Clear Channel, CBS, Cumulus, etc) have already been into these markets, bought up small market stations, run them into the ground by way of depleting revenues to line the pockets of corporate or lesser performing stations in larger markets. They then expect multiples that a first time buyer would find very hard to finance without a very large reserve of cash on hand or so many investors there is no way you could make your money back or pay the debt.
- 3) The BIG guys have gone in and tried or made unrealistic offers to "mom and pop" owned stations with the idea they can be used as move-ins to metros. I encountered recently one station that wants almost 30 times bcf (broadcast cash flow) because that is what he was offered by one of the mega groups.

Commissioner Adelstein, furthering the ability for the BIG guys to increase the number of stations they own in markets makes it prohibitive for first time owners, women and minorities such as myself, to enter the electronic media arena. This will only further a decrease a competitive market place and increase homogenization of radio taking away from localization. Isn't localization the cornerstone of small town America radio? It's bad enough as it is, my feeling is that it creates a legalized monopoly of not only metro's but rural, non-metro markets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Lawing

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From: Tom Pokopec [wrightad@suscom.net]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 9:57 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Clear Channel ownership plead

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Dear Chairman Martin:

I read a report that Clear Channel is going to plead on expanding ownership rules for radio stations.

It is a bad idea. These large radio groups are making a personal medium an impersonal one.

Tom Pokopec
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From: Robin8042@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 10:28 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: ownership of local media

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It is not fair to the people of this country to allow one company to own more than one media outlet in a local area. I would appreciate your comments.

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