

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of any relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership. Localism and diversity are the cornerstones of a democratic media system, and we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

When the FCC attempted to weaken and remove media ownership limits in 2003, millions of Americans rose up in protest. Congress and the courts ultimately intervened to turn back that misguided regulatory process.

Now that these same rules are being reconsidered, the FCC should stand firm with the public against further concentration of media ownership in the hands of the few. A vote against media consolidation is a vote for democracy.

The fact is that freedom, liberty, and the values that America was founded upon are being destroyed. Or, more accurately, they are being sold to the highest bidder. This is simply one more piece in a larger plan, drafted by the global elite to create a system of corporate fascism in which the real power in the world is concentrated not in the hands of the people, or in the hands of a lawfully elected government, but in the hands of the absolute greediest people in our nation. They have, through their tireless dedication to the pursuit of the almighty dollar, made themselves like gods on earth. Our constitution means nothing to these fucks. Our nation and the principles it is founded upon is under attack, and has been for a long time. If you don't believe me, look at the last speech Abe Lincoln ever made...he tried to warn the American people about the danger of what he called the "big-money interests". He stated that they were out to destroy democracy. Read it yourself. Dwight Eisenhower, in HIS final speech, tried to warn us about the same thing, only he called it "the military-industrial complex", because he was talking more specifically about the war industry. My point with all this is simple: corporate America MUST be FORCED to play by the rules. Our legal system is such that the poor are imprisoned unjustly, whether guilty or not (I myself did a month in jail once even though I committed no crime) while the ruling classes are allowed to break the law with immunity. It all comes down to money. If you got the money, you can bend the political process. If you don't got no money, you got no voice.

Look, all I'm really tryin' to say here is that the big corporate media is fucking big enough already! The independent media in this country has been virtually destroyed, although it is far from dead. When we turn on the TV, we see only the lies that our ruling class wishes us to hear. If we are to return to our true principles and be a constitutional republic again (rather than a corporate-fascist oligarchy) then we must protect what few bastions of free speech remain. Please, for the love of all the gods, do not allow these pigs to gain any more control than they already have. Fox news is a perfect example of why this is imperative...it is owned by Rupert Murdoch, a right-wing conservative. Consequently, the entire news station is so incredibly biased in favor of republicans that it ceases to be news at all, and becomes merely propaganda. Of course, the left-wingers can play the same game.

The point here is simple: even if our national media is going to be dominated by corporate media interests who do not represent the average american, they must at least be made to work within certain limits. Under the proposed legislation, those limits will be gone. Too much power in one place is ALWAYS a very bad thing. I hope that someone in charge will read this email and see that it is his or her duty as an american to protect our first amendment right to freedom of speech by putting limits upon those who have enough money to simply take over the airwaves. Again, I implore someone in charge...listen to your people for once...I know that isn't something the establishment does easily, but goddamnit, every public official in our government swore an oath that they would protect and defend our constitution. The constitution is a contract between the rulers and the ruled. we the people agree to abide by the laws and fight in wars if need be. In return, the government grants us certain rights that are supposed to be inalienable. If you, the establishment, do not hold to your oaths, how can we trust you?