

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.

Few could doubt the obvious truth that media ownership matters and determines the content we receive over the public airwaves. We need look no farther than the recent scandal over ABC's "docudrama" about the 9/11 attacks which willfully distorted history about a national tragedy for political reasons. We need local broadcast station owners who will serve the local public interest not those of faraway corporate owners. Stewardship of the public airwaves is a very serious responsibility that merits true public accountability.

Limits on media consolidation have been a bulwark against the concentration of economic power in the marketplace of ideas -- a critical part of balancing the public service mission of the media with their private profit motive. Our democracy requires the free flow of information from a broad range of diverse voices.

Media consolidation has already led to declines in local and minority ownership as well as the homogenization of content in radio and television. Permitting cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, or allowing further concentration in local television markets, will only worsen the problems we already have.

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.

I know that you are all political appointees and don't really think for yourself.

Every decision is along party lines----just like the Supreme Court when they appointed our present Emperor.

Well the emperor isn't wearing any clothes.

The big corporate media---the guys like Disney/ABC, and General Electric (We bring good things to life, like jet engines for bombers and nuclear power plants....) have their own agenda.

They need to keep the voters in the dark, or feed them lies to keep their power. You, the FCC, enable them to do that.

It's time we broke up the stranglehold the corporate media giants have on our democracy. Can we count on you to represent the will of the majority of the citizens and break up these huge media giants

and their propaganda machines????? This miniseries/docu-drama "The Path to 9/11 is a flagrant example of why you, the FCC, should act NOW to break up the power the media giants have grabbed. Will you rise to the challenge? Doubtful, as 3 of you are Republicans.