

I want to let you know that I OPPOSE Michael Powell's attempts to hide, distort, and cover-up a very important study providing evidence that media consolidation is a very dangerous threat to democracy.

As the FCC, you should stand up for our rights-- the rights of everyday Americans who need media to be an open source of information, untainted by bias and corporate influence.

Michael Powell and his right-wing cohorts at the FCC are fascists when it comes to media democracy. Media consolidation is a sham and it will only HURT us and our democratic values. Please help EXPOSE the truth about harmful media conglomerates and OPPOSE Mr. Powell's attempts to silence the TRUTH!

The FCC can't simply hide data from the public and push through new rules that unleash further consolidation of local news outlets. Localism and diversity are the cornerstones of a democratic media system; we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

The FCC should allow no relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership without first weighing all of the evidence and hearing out widespread public concern about the problems of consolidation.

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 local 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. Allowing further concentration of local media markets, will only worsen the problems we already have.

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.