

Don't cover up the facts. The FCC needs to make all relevant information available to the public -- including the local news study that was reportedly destroyed -- as part of its current media ownership proceeding. The FCC Inspector General also needs to conduct a thorough investigation of how the local news study was suppressed and who was responsible. The results of that investigation should be released to the public immediately upon its completion. In addition, the FCC needs to adopt rules and procedures to prevent such important information from being kept from the public in the future.

I don't like that the same company that owns my TV station or my radio station to also own my newspaper, which, in Phoenix, it already does! I just get the same news recycled for a different outlet. By reducing the number/extent of reporters covering local and state issues, these consolidated organizations are, in effect, censoring what news the public receives.

I rely on local media sources to find out about county, state 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.