

We are writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 06-121, the review of the FCC's media ownership rules. We are voicing our opposition to any relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership.

The great privilege to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events, both locally and globally, is part of the founding philosophy of this country. If the avenues for sharing information are restricted to only a few owners, then we fear that the quality of the information presented will lessen. What is the value of varied information sources when they are controlled by a single voice?

The last time the FCC tried to relax ownership rules, the American public spoke out in opposition. And now, three years later, we are speaking out again to remind the FCC that we care deeply about preserving and enhancing diversity of media ownership and available viewpoints. It is also important to us that instead of allowing large media corporations to gobble up even more outlets in order to promote their agenda of increased consumption, the United States encourages the creation of more local, community controlled media outlets.

We advocate preserving the following rules: The Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule, The Broadcast-Newspaper Cross Ownership Ban, The National Television Ownership Rule, The Duopoly Rule for Radio, The Local Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual Network Rule. We also encourage the FCC to investigate new innovative ways to encourage more diversity in ownership and more local, community controlled media outlets.

We urge you to rule in the public interest on this matter. The public interest will be served by preserving the FCC's Broadcast Media ownership rules and innovative thinking on how to promote more sustainable, community-based media outlets.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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