

Please DO NOT reduce or, worse yet, eliminate the public interest limits on media ownership. Democracy requires meaningful and diverse local news, and we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

Limits on media consolidation are essential to ensuring the robust debate envisioned by the creators of the original radio regulations in the 1920s.

Ownership of media matters. Media consolidation has already reduced the quantity and quality of local news. Permitting cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, or allowing further concentration in local television markets, will only worsen the problems we already have.

In 2003, when the FCC tried to weaken and remove media ownership limits, millions of Americans spoke out 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 must 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.

In addition to preventing further media cross-ownership, the FCC should:

- * Support net neutrality
- * Prohibit the use of VNRs
- * Require all broadcasters to provide meaningful public-service programming and time for opposing views

Thank you for your work on behalf of all media consumers!