

I am writing to express my outrage that the FCC has failed in efforts to monitor and foster more competition in media and in Internet's last mile.

This message is a lot of my own comments and is not just another copy of Stop Big Media's suggested message.

Diversity is the cornerstone of a democratic media system; we cannot afford to lose it in any way. It would be unconscionable for the FCC to let large media owners buy up more local media outlets before redressing the agency's failure to foster more educational and even healthy anti-administration voices in the media.

The FCC should not allow relaxation or elimination of the limits on media ownership without first hearing out widespread public concern about the problems of minority representation and lack of minority broadcast station owners. Allowing further concentration of local media markets, will only worsen the problems we already have and continue our slide to becoming a "has been" 2nd class nation.

Our democracy requires the free flow of local information from diverse voices. The FCC should stand firm with the public against further concentration of media ownership in the hands of the few - themselves owned by or beholdng to the very government they should be aggressively commenting on.

There is a significant chance that Administration suppression and control of media kept relevant facts and opinions from the public, that, had they been heard, might well have precluded the insane warmongering and current national disasters we now suffer.

The FCC must be there for the people of our country, and that clearly does NOT mean the mass media corporations.

The brain rot routinely served on television is a disgrace, and guarantees the education and success of our country as a whole will fall far behind other countries where their national success takes priority over media mogul profits.

The Internet itself, which has the capability of replacing much of the deleterious media control we have suffered with so long, will cease to grow and develop fully if the likes of Verizon and Comcast have any control over the Internet service itself.

The 2 years of net neutrality Bell South agreed to is a sick joke and the FCC should be ashamed of itself.

ILEC and Cable alone simply is not relevant competition! Internet bandwidth is extremely cheap and will grow more so in time, but the last mile is the choke point and should not be if the FCC were doing its job properly.

The piddling bandwidth they offer at best is being upstaged by what is being done in other countries.

The incumbents should ONLY be allowed to provide raw transport for a myriad of truly independent ISPs of all sizes. The wholesale arrangements should allow even small local ISPs to flourish. The in-house but legally separated big carrier ISPs should be forced to be at extreme distance from their parent, rather than being allowed to play some silly game that totally cheats at what the real intent of the separation should be.

The arrogant carrier and cable attitude that assumes they know best for the consumer is unacceptable. If I want features they won't deign to offer, I should be able to easily get whatever I want from independent ISPs or CLECs that have full and EASY access to the wires and fibers of the ILECs at truly fair prices.

Any large carrier subsidiary that is allowed to play ISP on any large scale, should be required to freely exchange traffic at the major peering points with any other ISP that meets some reasonable minimal size requirements. Perhaps peering at 5 major sites and being on both coasts would be a reasonable minimum. The peering sites should NOT be controlled by ILECs or Cable. The Bell South peering points in Florida are probably OK because as long as ILEC ISPs must also peer at the preferable NOA in Miami

I was delighted to see FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Free Press co-founder Robert McChesney on Democracy Now last Friday from Memphis. There is hope even for the FCC with some of the current commissioners.

While listening to Professor Susan Crawford who was a guest at the Berman Center at Harvard Law School last week, I was struck with the idea that this very energetic and concerned young lady would be an ideal replacement for any FCC commissioner that does not have our citizen's best interests in sharp focus. Listen to what she has to say.