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2006 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996	MB Docket No. 06-121
2002 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996	MB Docket No. 02-277
Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers	MM Docket No. 01-235
Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets	MM Docket No. 01-317
Definition of Radio Markets	MM Docket No. 00-244

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS TESTIFYING AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

TOWN HALL MEETING

SUBMITTED BY FREE PRESS

On September 7, 2006 a "Town Meeting on the Future of Media" was held at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in the Helen Bader Concert Hall. Community leaders and members of the public testified before Commissioners Michael Copps and Jonathan Adelstein regarding their concerns with current media regulations. The preceding was recorded for submission into the record (MB Docket No 06-121). Two copies of the recording are hereby submitted to the Federal Communications Commission to be placed in docket MB Docket No. 06-121.

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SUMMARY

Just over three hundred people attended the "Town Meeting on the Future of Media" at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee on September 7, 2006. The event featured remarks by FCC Commissioners Michael Copps and Jonathan Adelstein and Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton. Former State Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske moderated the event's panels, which included comments from local and state leaders concerned about media consolidation. Panelists included:

- David Newby, President, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO
- Robert Miranda, Executive Director, Esperanza Unida
- Carolyn Castore, Member, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
- Eric Von, Host, Eric Von Show, 1290AM
- Diane Farsetta, Senior Researcher, Center for Media and Democracy
- David Allen, Associate Professor of Journalism & Mass Communications; UWM
- Mary Glass, Founder, Campaign Neighborhood
- Lindy Anderson, Vice President, Madison Christian Low-Power Radio Association.

The Town Hall Meeting also included an extensive period of public testimony. Anyone from the audience who wished to testify was allowed two minutes to address Commissioners Copps and Adelstein about the media ownership rulemaking process underway at the FCC. Participants were informed that their public comments would be placed in the appropriate FCC docket. Testimony continued for nearly four hours – and comments were overwhelmingly opposed to increased media consolidation.

The Milwaukee event was presented by Free Press, the national, nonpartisan media reform and policy group, in partnership with:

- Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- Diederich College of Communication at Marquette University
- AFSCME Council 48
- Campaign Neighborhood — CFNBA
- Citizen Action of Wisconsin

- Center for Media and Democracy
- Common Cause in Wisconsin
- Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee
- League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
- MATA Community Media
- Milwaukee Central Labor Council
- Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
- Midwest States Center
- NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin
- Peace Action of Wisconsin
- Prometheus Radio Project
- Sierra Club Great Waters Group
- Voces de la Frontera
- Wisconsin Democracy Campaign
- Wisconsin State AFL-CIO

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