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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Kevin Martin, Chairman

Dear Mr. Martin:

Proposed media consolidation would result in limited information on the issues that the public receives. It would mean that fewer owners would be in a position to exert more control over what news is reported that is of concern to the citizens. In order that there be a broader scope of issues that keep the public properly and fully informed, any proposed consolidation must be rejected.

Studies on Media Consolidation say that easing media ownership rules would hamper and inhibit broad and adequate coverage not only of the news, but of our entertainment. Limits on media consolidation have been able to stem the concentration of economic power in the market place of ideas and an important part of balancing service to the public. Democracy needs the free flow of information from a broad range of diverse voices and ideas. As it is there has been a homogenization of content in radio and TV. The free flow of news and information is at the heart and soul of our democracy. To allow more concentration of local media markets will only serve to narrow the scope of ideas and information therefore depriving the public and communities of its right to know.

I request therefore, that any proposed changes by the FCC of the rules that would lead to fewer owners of more of our media, be rejected.

Respectfully,

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