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From: andy kading [andykading@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 3:12 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Media Consolidation Rules

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioner McDowell,

I am writing you today to urge you to strengthen the FCC rules regarding media ownership. As studies commissioned by the FCC have shown consolidation of media hampers journalism, and reduces the diversity of viewpoints (Especially those of women and minorities). By further weakening the limitations on media ownership the FCC will hand the already monopolistic media conglomerates even more of the few remaining community sources of information. Lax rules will degrade journalism in lieu of the bottom lines of companies like Clear Channel and News Corp. The air waves of this country are for the all the people of America not just the small hand full of media conglomerate owners.

Again in closing I urge you to strengthen the rules regarding media ownership by limiting the number of stations/newspapers/ and other types of media one company can own in a given area.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kading
2655 NW Thurman
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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 4:32 PM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; dtayloratateweb; Robert McDowell; Heather Dixon; Jessica Rosenworcel; Rudy Briche; Chris Robbins; Cristina Pauze; Rosemary Harold; Donna Gregg; Sam Feder
Cc: Blake, Jonathan; Johnson, Jennifer
Subject: Media Ownership Proceeding

Attachments: Reply Comments of Smaller Market Television Stations.pdf



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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Attached is a courtesy copy of the reply comments we filed today on behalf of the Coalition of Smaller Market Television Stations i <<Reply Comments of Smaller Market Television Stations.pdf>> n the Commission's ownership proceeding.

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From: Daniel Parker [danielparker@mail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 3:11 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: No More Media Consolidation

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Hi,

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Just a note to request that media consolidation limits are not further relaxed. In my opinion, the rule changes of the past few years that allow individual companies to own more and more media outlets is wrong and must be reversed. The information Americans receive is of utmost importance to the health and vitality of our democracy and it is surely compromised when the sources are all the same.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Daniel Parker

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From: Deane Oberste-Lehn [dolgeo@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 4:28 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Media Ownership Rules

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

FCC Chairman K.J. Martin

SUBJECT: Docket No. 06-121, the review of the FCC's media ownership rules.

I strongly oppose 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 I 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 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.

I 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. I also encourage the FCC to investigate new innovative ways to encourage more diversity in ownership and more local, community controlled media outlets.

I 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.

Sincerely
Deane Oberste-Lehn

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From: DONALD WILL [donnie@andiamo-tel.com]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2007 10:52 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: media consolidation concerns

I am interested in reversing corporate media consolidation via E-mail or any other ways you might suggest, what should i say, and who do i contact?
Thank You Jonathan. cheers. Don Will

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From: Gary Heisinger [garyh@sti.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 5:07 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: Further Relaxation of Media Ownership Rules

Dear Jonathan Adelstein,

Relaxing of ownership rules will only further the continuation of big media (like: News Corp., General Electric, and Clear Channel) in removing local programming from our choices of programming. Please do not continue this wholesale consolidation. You, the FCC, is obligated to serve all of us in protecting the controlling the "public airways." Please put "public Service" before the self-interest of large media corporations.

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From: Gwen Mangiamele [gwen.mangiamele@compass-usa.com]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 3:25 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Gwen Mangiamele (gwen.mangiamele@compass-usa.com) writes:

I do NOT support media consolidation.

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From: Janet King [djking2099@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 12:15 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Janet King (djking2099@yahoo.com) writes:

I am deeply concerned about consolidation. Democracy depends on diversity. Please do not allow more corporations to consolidate. Americans NEED to hear all points of view. Another matter....The FCC is the watchdog for morality on the airwaves and I find it unacceptable that people are allowed to knowingly and willfully spread lies. That is much more of a moral issue than a four letter word. Why are there no standards regarding this moral crime?

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From: Monroe and Judy [colts98@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2007 6:00 PM
To: FCC
Subject: U. S. Media System

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you in order to request that you make no changes that would allow further consolidation of the U.S media system. As you know, only a few very large corporations control the majority of media in our country. More control can only lead to lesser choices for the American people. The press should be as free as possible and not controlled by a few monolithic corporations which are far more intent on profits than good, unobstructed journalism. I also believe consolidation will lead to even more bland radio and TV.

Thank You,

Monroe Hall

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From: Nathalie Richcreek [nathalie@quik.com]
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 4:40 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Nathalie Richcreek (nathalie@quik.com) writes:

Dear Kevin;

I'm totally opposed to changing FCC rules in favor of big businesses greed. The ways in which you wish to change the present status of rules is not democratically correct. I want big business to stop trying to take over the airwaves and newspapers of America. It's business like this that hurts our democracy.

I want my radio, television and newspapers to be run by the people and for the people-- there is no other way in a true democracy.

Stop this march towards fascism!

Sincerely,

Nathalie Richcreek

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From: Doug Henry [djhenry43@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2007 12:15 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: media reform

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Hello Jonathan

I am writing regarding media reform. Here in the Boston area, the one station broadcasting a progressive talk format, owned by Clear Channel, just flipped to Spanish programming. There are other Spanish stations in the area, and several right-wing talk stations, but for whatever reason, this one-of-a-kind broadcast was squelched. That our media, on-air and print, has been taken over by a mere five corporations, I believe is a threat to our democracy. The media needs competition and diversity. Owners of on-air media should not own print media in the same market. Locally owned stations are much more prone to covering local news than are stations owned and controlled from afar. Television news has become entertainment rather than informational, and some news outlets seem to be run by a particular political party. I hope something can be done. I know it's harder to rescind authority previously granted than it is to grant it in the first place.

Also, regarding the internet, "net neutrality" is essential in a democratic society. Allowing ISP's to decide what access will be give and to whom is a dangerous proposition.

Thanks for listening
Doug Henry
43 Park Ave
Hull, MA 02045

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From: Frannie Wellings [fwellings@freepress.net]
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 3:22 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate
Cc: Heather Dixon; Cristina Pauze; Bruce Gottlieb; Rudy Briocche; Chris Robbins
Subject: Letter from civil rights and public interest organizations on diversity of media ownership
Attachments: diverse_ownership_letter.pdf

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Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

We, the undersigned civil rights and public interest organizations, urge the Federal Communications Commission to stop further concentration of media ownership until it has taken the necessary steps to promote minority and female ownership of broadcast stations. A regrettable legacy of exclusion in broadcast licensing has left too few owners and too little diversity in our media system. The FCC must study the impact of consolidation on the diversity of media ownership and implement a plan to increase minority and female ownership of broadcast stations. This must be an urgent priority.

“Out of the Picture,” a recent study by Free Press, demonstrates the unacceptable lack of diversity in television station ownership. The study finds that women and minorities have been shut out of media ownership. While women comprise 51 percent of the entire U.S. population, women own less than 5 percent of all television stations. Minorities make up 33 percent of the entire U.S. population, yet minorities own less than 3.5 percent of all stations. While the level of female and minority ownership has advanced in other industries since the late 1990s, it has worsened in the broadcast sector.

The Free Press study shows that the more station ownership is concentrated in a market, the less likely it is to have minority and female owners. Recent policies encouraging media concentration have contributed to the loss of diversity in station ownership. Despite the overwhelming evidence of media consolidation's devastating impact on diversity, the FCC is now poised to permit further concentration by relaxing ownership limits. Such changes would directly conflict with the commission's statutory mandate to foster diversity over the public airwaves.

The FCC has a responsibility to monitor and promote the diversity of media owners in order to achieve more diverse media content. We are concerned that further consolidation of media will only aggravate the absence of minority and female owners in the U.S. broadcast system. We urge the FCC to halt its current review of media ownership rules until it has fully studied the impact these changes will have on diversity of ownership. We ask the FCC to immediately implement policies that promote more diverse media in America.

Sincerely,

2/5/2007

Rosa Clemente
R.E.A.C.Hip-Hop

Mark Cooper
Consumer Federation of America

Lisa Fager and Paul Porter
Industry Ears

Kim Gandy
National Organization for Women

Marta Garcia
National Hispanic Media Coalition NY Chapter

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Jacque Jones
National Black Programming Consortium

Gene Kimmelman
Consumers Union

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Jose Marquez
Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association

Janet Murguía
National Council of La Raza

Alex Nogales
National Hispanic Media Coalition

Jeff Perlstein
Media Alliance

Chellie Pingree
Common Cause

Iván Román
National Association of Hispanic Journalists

Andrew Jay Schwartzman
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From: GEORGE T COE [happyft4@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2007 12:51 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: FCC Vote January 16, 2007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

To The Chairman And All Members of the Federal Communications Commission

Dear FCC Members:

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of any relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership. Localism and diversity are the cornerstones of a democratic media system, and we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

Limits on media consolidation have been a bulwark against the concentration of economic power in the marketplace of ideas -- a critical part of balancing the public service mission of the media with their private profit motive. Our democracy requires the free flow of information from a broad range of diverse voices.

Any public policy seeking to protect diversity in the media must recognize the simple fact that ownership matters. Media consolidation has already led to declines in local and minority ownership as well as the homogenization of content in radio and television. Permitting cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, or allowing further concentration in local television markets, will only worsen the problems we already have.

When the FCC attempted to weaken and remove media ownership limits in 2003, millions of Americans rose up 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 should 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.

Very sincerely,

George T. Coe
16505 Virginia Avenue C-214
Williamsport, MD 21795-1391

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From: Joan Trudell [joant1221@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2007 2:04 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps
Subject: Stop/roll back media consolidation

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioners:

Boston/eastern Massachusetts have been blindsided! At noon on December 21, 2006 (my birthday) without warning to listeners, Clear Channel changed the format on both its Boston stations airing Progressive talk radio to Spanish language format.

NOT coincidentally, the same thing has happened to other Progressive stations recently; stations in Columbus, Dallas and Cincinnati have been flipped as well. A number of other markets are also in danger.

I'm worried about the future of balanced news coverage as NPR is being forced to become more mainstream and progressive voices all around the country are being silenced. What we'll have left is negative, nasty right wing radio.

Please help restore balance to the airwaves.

Thank you,
Joan M. Trudell
16 Saunders Street
Medford, MA 02155

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From: M K CLAYCOMB [mona_katherine@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2007 2:56 AM
To: dtaylor@tateweb
Subject: Media Ownership Limits

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of any relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership. Localism and diversity are the cornerstones of a democratic media system, and we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

Do not relax or eliminate public interest limits on media ownership. Better yet, return them to pre-Clinton era limits.

Sincerely,

Mona Claycomb

Loveland, CO

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From: Mauryck@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2007 6:49 PM
To: KJMWEB; Michael.Copps@fcc.gov; Jonathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov; dtaylorateweb@fcc.gov;
Robert.McDowell@fcc.gov
Subject: The FCC

Save the Internet, promote media reform. How should media be reformed?

Media needs to be UNCONSOLIDATED. What were we/you thinking of? A Monarchy, a plutocracy, a plantation to allow our independent media to be consolidated and dictated to by the corporate world. Is this a democracy? Whoa! Must have a FREE PRESS to have a democracy so I guess that keeps us out of that category.

Please be responsible; this country is worth trying to save.

Maury Knight
Monroe, New York

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From: MAUREEN O'HARA [ohara@ameritech.net]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 12:43 AM
To: dtaylor@tateweb
Subject: Media Consolidation

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Ms. Taylor,

I am writing to urge you not to allow further consolidation of our news media or to remove restrictions on cross ownership. Your decisions regarding media ownership should be made in the interest of the American people not for big business.

Please consider this issue carefully, and do the right thing for your country.

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Hara
5801 N. Rural St.
Indianapolis, In. 46220

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From: Millie Brady [pbrady3256@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 3:38 PM
To: dtayloratweb
Subject: consolidation of big media

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I ask that you vote against the further consolidation of the big media against the interests of the public. An independent media is the bedrock of democracy and I believe your goal is to protect against the corporate takeover of what is best for democracy. After all, allowing only one opinion in one paper is exactly what Putin has done in Russia.

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From: Millie Brady [pbrady3256@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 3:28 PM

To: Michael Copps

Subject: Consolidation of big media

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I ask that you not vote for big media to consolidate even further so that there is not a diversity of perspectives in the news. An independent press is the bedrock of democracy so I believe you have an obligation to uphold what you are commissioned to do in the name of the public interest.

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From: Dottie Janson [dljanson@123mail.net]
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 9:11 PM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; dtayloratweb; Robert McDowell
Subject: Please vote AGAINST upcoming consolidation measures for U.S. Media

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioner Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, Commissioner Taylor Tate and Commissioner McDowell,

I understand that you are accepting public comment on new measures to allow further consolidation of the U.S. Media system. I would like to encourage you to vote against any further consolidation of the U.S. Media system. I believe further consolidation will have a very negative impact for the American people.

There has already been a significant consolidation of the newspaper market. And I can tell you that I see the impact of that consolidation daily. In my hometown of Cincinnati, all the major newspapers are owned by a single company, Gannett. The size of the paper has diminished. The quality of the reporting has gone downhill. The importance of real news has been minimized. The front page is now reserved for reporting on sports and media personalities. All international news has been relegated to the second page.

I read an article about past consolidations that mentioned that 90 percent of all U.S. media holdings are owned by only six companies. How does that help to present multiple viewpoints and allow people to really understand what is going on. The more all outlets for the news are controlled by a small number of companies, the closer America comes to the vision of 1984 or a communist society where everything the people know is controlled. As independent press decreases there will be fewer voices willing and able to speak the truth and hold up abuses of power in government, industry and society.

I believe the FCC needs to move back to its historic practices and encourage local viewpoints, diversity in reporting, editorials and informed debate for the American public.

Please don't let your watch at the FCC be the one that history points to as 'one of the moments that lead to the lessening of America'.

Sincerely,

Dottie Janson
dljanson@123mail.net
Cincinnati, OH

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From: Suzanne Tolbert [SuzanneTolbert@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 2:19 AM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Cc: SuzanneTolbert@earthlink.net
Subject: recommendations

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I understand that today is the deadline to submit recommendations for media mergers. Here is a modest proposal. How about the FCC finally does it job after 6 years and either force Viacom to comply with federal media guidelines or grandfather in its behemoth television monopoly?

http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/News_Releases/2000/nrmm0024.html

I refer to the 12 months Viacom was given to get its act together back in 2000---before W. ran for president making promises of relaxation of federal media ownership rules he could not deliver. Promises which he had no intention of delivering upon, since the administration has been very successful in forcing news network CBS to alter its programming to suit the White House agenda under threat of FCC action for parent company Viacom's noncompliance with the law. No network lets someone with a recognition and approval rating as high as Dan Rather's be media lynched unless there is a lot of money at stake.

Basically, why are you guys trying to write new laws when you do not even bother enforcing the ones you have? You have been operating as the administrations personal corporate media "enforcers" for 6 years, and everyone in America knows it. When W. is gone and the books come out, every one of your names are going to be mud. There will be no jobs for you in the industry that you have blackmailed. You would think at least the Democrats would start protesting in public.

Suzanne Tolbert, Fort Worth, Texas

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From: Susan [shutchi2@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 7:20 PM
To: dtayloratweb
Subject: no corporate takeover of the American media

Finally, a woman! Please vote to not allow corporate takeover of our media. We already see the disastrous effects to the extent that it is already controlled. Horrible radio stations, canned news, and the truth is buried. Americans deserve better.

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From: Millie Brady [pnbrady3256@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 3:25 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: "no" to further consolidation of big media

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Federal Communications Commission
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It is not in the public interest to further consolidate news outlets so there will be no diversity of perspectives. The FCC was established to serve the public interests and not those of big corporations in order to enrich the owners and shareholders at the expense of a democratic media system. An independent media is the bedrock of democracy so I ask that you not participate in undermining this pillar of a free nation.

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From: Susan [shutchi2@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 7:19 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: no corporate monopoly on the media

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Please vote to not allow a corporate takeover of the media. Democracy depends on a free press and the ability to get the truth out.

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From: Susan [shutchi2@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 7:18 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: no corporate monopoly on the media

Please do not allow the media to be controlled by a corporate few. Americans deserve the truth and they deserve better than they've gotten recently.

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From: Susan Salter [sbf5salter@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2007 2:03 PM
To: KJMWEB
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Jonathan Adelstein; dtayloratateweb; Robert McDowell
Subject: Do not ease rules on media ownership

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Martin,

I understand that the FCC is considering relaxing or even eliminating the remaining laws regulating how many media outlets a single company can own in a single market. As ownership stands today, only SIX companies own 90% of all U.S. media holdings, therefore, a mere handful of corporations determine what most Americans receive as news. History shows us one of the first actions dictators took to gain power over the people was to limit and abolish the free press. We must do all in our power to ensure that the American free press will never be threatened in such a way.

The FCC was established to protect the free press and the people of this country, not to protect the now powerful media industry. A fully independent media, locally owned and run, is vital to maintaining any democracy, including the United States. With out a fully independent media, the American public may be denied an independent press that is "unafraid to 'speak truth to power.'" For meaningful debate on current issues a democratic citizenry needs to be properly informed by many independent sources.

I ask you and the to stand up against Big Media and do the job the FCC was created to do: to "regulate the nation's airwaves and ensure that broadcasters serve 'the public interest.'" The only interests being served by relaxing ownership rules is that of several powerful media industries. This must not be allowed to happen in America.

Sincerely,
Susan F. Salter
Sbf5salter @earthlink.net

Susan Salter
sbf5salter@earthlink.net
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

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From: TX Wahine [eranasue1@yahoo.com]

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Sent: Monday, January 15, 2007 6:09 PM

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

To: KJMWEB

Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; dtaylorataweb; Robert McDowell

Subject: Media Consolidation is Bad News

Dear Chairman Martin and members of the Board of Commissioners,

RE: Docket 06-121, Media Ownership Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

I strongly oppose any action by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to relax or eliminate media ownership limits.

Media consolidation is to blame for the decline in the quality and quantity of local news, the dearth of minority ownership in broadcasting, and the homogenization of programming on TV and radio. Allowing big media companies to own even more media outlets in our local communities will only exacerbate those problems.

Information -- from diverse, competitive and independent sources -- is vitally important to the health of our democracy. I urge you to hold the line against any further consolidation of our media, and to listen to the voices of the people -- not the media corporations -- on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
E. Daniels

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Yesterday, New America with Media Access Project and allies (NAF, *et al.*) filed comments in the FCC's proceeding to open up the unused channels ("white space") in the prime frequencies of the TV band to unlicensed use for broadband and wireless innovation (Docket 04-186). NAF, *et al.*, have filed numerous sets of comments in this proceeding since it was initiated in 2004. The proceeding, stalled at the FCC for almost two years, was re-activated in October after the Senate Commerce Committee unanimously adopted a bill (reintroduced this month by Sens. John Kerry and Gordon Smith) to require the FCC complete the rulemaking and open the "vast wasteland" of TV white space for unlicensed, wireless broadband and innovation.

Our new comments authoritatively address two overriding issues: First, claims made by the TV broadcast industry that unlicensed devices operating in unused TV channels would interfere with TV reception and other licensed uses of the TV band; and second, whether the TV white space spectrum should be exclusively licensed instead of unlicensed.

NAF, *et al.* filed three sets of comments yesterday:

Economic/Legal Comments

We challenge the FCC's re-opening of the issue of whether or not to license the TV white space, given its prior decision and an indisputable record in favor of an unlicensed approach. The comments summarize the tremendous and still rapidly increasing social and economic benefits of unlicensed spectrum, including more affordable and ubiquitous broadband - particularly in rural areas - home and enterprise networking, wireless device and service innovation, and more. The comments explain why licensing is both impractical and inadvisable in this band. We argue that the interference-avoidance mechanisms proposed in the FCC's original 2004 rulemaking are sufficient—along with specific technical parameters to be developed by the FCC—to protect licensed TV band users. *Full comments available at:*
http://www.newamerica.net/publications/resources/2007/economic_legal_comments_on_further_notice_of_p

Technical Comments

Our Technical Comments, drafted by NAF technical advisor and prominent former FCC engineer Michael Marcus, address further technical issues that have arisen since the original 2004 comment period. These technical comments address the specific concerns and confusion propagated by the broadcast lobby with respect to the interference potential of unlicensed devices. They summarize the results of two engineering studies commissioned by NAF making an irrefutable empirical case for why unlicensed devices can both sense TV broadcast signals AND avoid causing interference. One of these studies, examining the potential for unlicensed devices to use cognitive radio sensing to detect and avoid occupied TV channels, was filed as an appendix to the Technical Comments. This **White Space Sensing Study** is available on our website [here](#). *Full comments available at:*
http://www.newamerica.net/publications/resources/2007/technical_comments_on_further_notice_of_propose

Final Results of University of Kansas TV White Space Interference Study

NAF, *et al.* also filed the results of an unlicensed device interference study, commissioned by NAF and conducted at the University of Kansas IT labs, proving irrefutably that portable and low-power unlicensed devices can operate in empty TV channels without causing interference with television viewing on other channels. *Full comments and study available at:*
http://www.newamerica.net/publications/resources/2007/final_results_of_university_of_kansas_tv_white_spa

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Thanks as always for your time and attention to these important issues.

Best wishes,

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