

1 Inquirer to report and inform me of the happenings
2 of my community in Philadelphia.

3 When I turn on the radio, I hear the
4 same news and music that I heard in Nashville.
5 You'd think that two different cities would have
6 different and diverse news and issues to report on.
7 Apparently, not.

8 These radio and television stations and
9 newspapers claim that the internet and Craigslist
10 and the like are a major threat to their livelihood
11 as National Corporations. Because of this, news
12 stations and music stations justify the gutting of
13 their newsrooms and increasing dependency on
14 national newswires and the firing of local DJs.

15 The majority of residents in Philly are
16 like myself. They can't afford internet access.
17 Residents are falling victim to a lack of
18 information and community voices, music and issues.

19 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

20 MS. GLASIER: Our city weakens as the
21 crime rate increases and the coverage of local news
22 drop and I remain uninformed.

23 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.
24 Christine Guss.

25 MS. GUSS: Good afternoon. Thank you

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1 for coming to Harrisburg and thank you for listening
2 to us.

3 I'm probably one of the unpopular people
4 here right now who is happy with the news coverage.
5 My name is Christine Guss and I am Director of
6 Development for Habitat for Humanity of the Greater
7 Harrisburg Area. And I am here to tell you that I
8 don't think there's a group here that represents a
9 more diverse population than Habitat for Humanity.
10 We deal with the people that watch the 6:00 news,
11 who do our sponsorships and who do our volunteerism.
12 We also deal with people who are low income or
13 living in poverty housing that need to have new
14 housing and are willing to work for it and we give
15 them a chance.

16 So we do take care of all those
17 different kinds of people and I'm very happy to say
18 that the news coverage, the local news coverage has
19 been absolutely wonderful for us to reach whether
20 the people are minorities or not minorities. And I
21 think I need to tell you about that.

22 They help us in different ways. They
23 don't give us money, but what they do is give us
24 coverage, coverage that will help us get money from
25 other places. Habitat for Humanity is an

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1 international organization and People think that all
2 Habitats for Humanity are wealthy. Well, they're
3 not. Yes, every affiliate is under the Habitat for
4 Humanity International Umbrella, however, each
5 affiliate is responsible for their own finances. We
6 are all independently financial. And so we only get
7 money from people who live locally. We don't get it
8 from Habitat International, like other people think
9 we do.

10 When we go for grants, it is wonderful
11 to say that we have media coverage, when we apply
12 for grants. We received a grant for our women's
13 guild because of the media coverage that we get. So
14 it does help us. We have stories of families. The
15 media goes out and helps our families. It's just
16 wonderful.

17 They let people see the joys of our
18 volunteers when they're working on these houses to
19 make them, help them for other people. And the
20 media shows the tears of the families when they're
21 moving into their homes and have the opportunity to
22 have houses. They also show the enthusiasm for all
23 of us who are willing to work for them.

24 So, I just want to thank the media for
25 all the coverage that they do give us. Thank you.

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1 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Chris
2 Reel or Reese?

3 MR. REEL: It's Reel.

4 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Reel. Chris Reel.

5 MR. REEL: Thank you for the opportunity
6 to talk here.

7 We've heard a lot about how the FCC is
8 focused consolidation in the broadcast industry.
9 I'd like to raise a somewhat different issue. I've
10 been a subscriber to XM-Satellite Radio for over two
11 years. I'm also a night student at George
12 Washington University Law School. And with a group
13 of other students, we formed the Consumer Coalition
14 in Competition in Satellite Radio. And over the
15 past week after the merger announcement, we've heard
16 from several subscribers that are concerned about
17 how this will affect consumers. I'd just like to
18 talk a little bit about some of the issues.

19 Competition between XM and SIRIUS has
20 provided many benefits to subscribers. Each company
21 provides a different, but attractive package of
22 programming. And both have been forced to hold the
23 line on prices in order to win new subscribers to
24 satellite radio, as evidenced by the fact that
25 they're both priced at \$12.95 now. XM and SIRIUS

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1 have also competed to develop the best equipment and
2 offer good customer service. Most of all, there
3 have been two excellent choices for a commercial
4 free alternative to advertisers for AM and FM. A
5 merger of XM and SIRIUS significantly puts these at
6 risk.

7 Competition, reduced consumer choice and
8 inevitable price increases will follow if this
9 merger is approved. Thank you.

10 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Fred
11 Priebe?

12 MR. PRIEBE: Am I on?

13 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Yes.

14 MR. PRIEBE: They wrote down a phonetic
15 pronunciation. Priebe.

16 MODERATOR SIGALOS: I'm sorry.

17 MR. PRIEBE: My time has started. Okay.
18 Well, I didn't bring a prepared set of notes because
19 I have a funnel affect. Like when I used to have a
20 girlfriend, I'd have so much to tell her after a
21 week, I didn't know which grains could come out
22 first.

23 Now the question I've heard repeated on
24 many of the talking points this week is where is the
25 outrage with regard to some medical procedures that

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1 are going on for the military. I want to tell you
2 that the outrage is standing in front of you right
3 now.

4 Two of you up there, the minority
5 members, are my heroes. You are, the media in this
6 country has never been worse. Never been worse. I
7 was of an age when we got taught how to recommend
8 Communist propaganda in the schools. When I Google
9 that now, I get websites that explain it and they
10 all are sponsored by far right wing organizations
11 that explain the propaganda, but all their examples
12 use left wing examples to exploit the use of their
13 propaganda.

14 Well now, I disagree with the Mayor of
15 Lebanon. I am a resident here. It looks like some
16 of the members, the representation here, are not
17 from the Harrisburg area. I was at a political
18 meeting last night where a lot of involved people
19 were, and not one person was aware of this hearing
20 today. That's a testimony to the effectiveness of
21 the local media.

22 I heard about a ten second reference --
23 you're cutting into my time. Stop the clock when
24 they applaud. I heard a ten second reference on
25 WHP, the local AM station today. They were talking

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1 about King Tut and one of the guys is going to shush
2 the other guy, and he said, now the FCC's in town,
3 you be careful how you shush me. That was a message
4 to you. But there was no message to me about what
5 time you were here, where you were or anything. And
6 I can say that's true for a few stations, zero.

7 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. could we
8 please have number 85, Jerry Simotas, Danielle
9 Dubness, Mary Hursel, Hannah Sassaman, Susan Emmons,
10 come to this microphone. I'm sorry for any
11 mispronunciations, but Jerry Simotas, Danielle
12 Dubness, Mary Hursel, Hannah Sassaman, and Susan
13 Emmons.

14 And now we have Etta Albright.

15 MS. ALBRIGHT: The media is the message.
16 I always felt government agencies' most important
17 role is to provide visible, visionary leadership and
18 the utilization of resources to serve the public.
19 In that leadership role, lies the primary
20 responsibility to see that the line of damaging harm
21 or the harmful, or the harmful exploitation of
22 people does not occur. The case not to allow
23 monopolies of the media and the need to advocate for
24 investigative reporting has been well established
25 here this morning. However, with the interference

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1 of top executives in our government, I can only hope
2 the FCC is free to do what has to be done.

3 With that said, I would like to use this
4 time and opportunity to talk about what the public
5 needs and the FCC needs to advocate for us to get
6 it. If the public owns the airwaves, why don't we
7 have publicly funded debates for those seeking
8 public office? Can the FCC advocate for us? If I
9 own it, how do I get to it, so we can use this
10 resource we have? Let's take the power away from
11 corporate money and lobbyists and give it back to
12 the public, with mandated public debates.

13 In my own community, consumers need to
14 be able to determine what channels they want coming
15 into their homes, instead of companies putting
16 packages together that limits consumer's choice.

17 Thirdly, we consumers need protection
18 from those who can force information on others via
19 pop-ups on the computer. While online, myself, a
20 sexually explicit pictured appeared on my monitor
21 screen. Feeling violated by this intrusion, I felt
22 a need to do something. To me, those who chose to
23 were able to come into my home, via my computer,
24 without my permission, were guilty of breaking and
25 entering. The local police had never received a

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1 complaint like this before, nor had the others who I
2 was referred to. The phone complaint ended at the
3 Department of Justice.

4 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

5 MS. ALBRIGHT: None of these needs will
6 be addressed by a monopoly of the media. I ask the
7 FCC to do it. Thank you.

8 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Karen
9 Giles.

10 MS. GILES: A representative democracy
11 depends on well-informed citizens. The owners and
12 managers of the press determine which facts, which
13 version of the facts, and which ideas will reach the
14 public. For example, none of my local media
15 informed the people about this important hearing.
16 My local paper didn't even have all the candidates
17 running for President in 2004 listed in their
18 election coverage before the primary. In past
19 elections, there were some elected positions I
20 didn't vote for because I was unable to find out how
21 either candidate stood on issues. In the last
22 election, I had to call those running for state
23 representative to learn their positions so I could
24 make an informed choice. But I heard about O.J.
25 Simpson for months and now I hear about Anna Nicole

1 Smith every day, when this information is of no
2 practical use.

3 When important issues are covered by the
4 media, we can't even trust that what is said will be
5 true. Polls found that three-quarters of Americans
6 believe Saddam Hussein was responsible for the
7 attacks on September 11th. This is proof that the
8 media is manipulating the thinking of the people,
9 instead of making true facts available.

10 The news and truth are no longer the
11 same thing. In fact, a Florida Court of Appeals
12 unanimously agreed with Fox News that there is no
13 rule against falsifying the news in the United
14 States. The Altoona Mirror, the only paper with
15 same delivery to my home, and WJAC-TV, the local
16 station with clearest reception, are owned by the
17 same company.

18 Permitting further concentration in
19 local media markets will only worsen the problems we
20 already have. I strongly disapprove of any
21 relaxation or elimination of the public interest
22 limits on media ownership.

23 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Jon Paul
24 Hammond.

25 MR. HAMMOND: Hello. My name is Jon

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1 Paul. I'm a mixed-raced Quaker from North
2 Philadelphia and I'm representing, as best I can,
3 the voices of drug users. People who inject their
4 drugs, people who smoke crack, people who take their
5 drugs in pill forms, et al. We who would die
6 silently, be in prison silently, be disappeared
7 effectively, without anyone knowing if the powers
8 that be like you, the FCC, continue to allow the
9 rampant consolidation of the media.

10 Without diverse media outlets owned by
11 many localized entities, I could not be heard, nor
12 my work known or valued when I do harm reduction,
13 like giving out clean syringes to prevent the spread
14 of HIV, AIDS and Hepatitis-C, or when I do overdose
15 prevention trainings and give out tools like
16 Naloxone and Narcan to stop fatal overdoses.

17 We Quakers have a saying, speak truth to
18 power. I hope the FCC will hear the truth we are
19 speaking to the power that you have or how else will
20 we end wars on terror and create peace, or end wars
21 on drugs and create peace, or end wars in Iraq and
22 create peace? Thank you.

23 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Terry
24 Malley? Terry Malley? No? Phyllis Gilbert.

25 MS. GILBERT: I first wanted to way in

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1 comment to one of the earlier speakers who, Ms.
2 Guss, that it seems to me, and I may not be correct,
3 here, but the benefits that her group the Habitat
4 for Humanity get will be given to her whether
5 there's consolidation or not.

6 My name is Phyllis Gilbert, Director of
7 Peace Action Delaware Valley, the largest peace
8 group in the country and having 2,000 members in
9 Pennsylvania. Thank you, Commissioners, for holding
10 these hearings, even though I understand they
11 weren't well publicized.

12 Media consolidation is bad for the
13 economy. Notice how little the big media talks
14 about how the astronomically huge cost of the War on
15 Terror is shrinking essential federal government
16 support for ordinary citizens' basic needs,
17 especially for healthcare and job creation.

18 Personally, my daughter was just
19 diagnosed and disabled with an incurable disease and
20 was laid off from a Philadelphia School System job,
21 forced by government cutbacks. She needs
22 information on how to find healthcare and a job
23 that's appropriate for her disability and it's now
24 not available on the merged media.

25 Media consolidation is bad for good

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1 journalism. Half the journalists from newly sold
2 Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News, a situation in
3 newsrooms across the nation, is forcing the
4 remaining reporters and journalists to do twice the
5 work under the same deadline pressures. Moreover,
6 fewer journalists are assigned to investigating
7 government misdeeds in Philadelphia. None have been
8 assigned to research the underlying causes of the
9 state takeover of public education in Philadelphia.
10 Effective public education is crucial to
11 Philadelphia's future viability, a necessary public
12 service. I mean, from the media, that information,
13 but presently, not available by the media moguls.
14 Only one percent of their time is devoted to public
15 affairs.

16 Media consolidation will not allow real

17 --

18 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

19 MS. GILBERT: That's it okay. But I
20 really urge you to roll back the consolidation for
21 the sake of our essential diversity and democracy.

22 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.
23 Can we please have number 90, Noah Winer, Pete
24 Tradish, David Raskin, Tina O'Leary, and Amy Simmons
25 come to this microphone. Noah Winer, Pete Tradish,

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1 David Raskin, Tina O'Leary, Amy Simmons.

2 Jerry Simotas.

3 MR. SIMOTAS: I'd like to thank you all
4 for taking the time to listen to all of us. I
5 represent myself. I'm from the city of
6 Philadelphia, the birthplace of our democracy.

7 I can think of no more accurate
8 barometer of that democracy than the voice of the
9 people, which is Talk Show. In Philadelphia today,
10 that is in a deplorable condition. Years ago --
11 I've been listening to Talk Show for about 50 years.
12 Years ago, we had many talk shows with varying
13 perspectives. We had liberal, we had conservative,
14 and we had moderate, and that no longer exists. We
15 hear one voice today that is largely syndicated and
16 you can guess what that voice is. It is a
17 propaganda's voice and I think this is unhealthy.
18 I'm a registered republican and I'm also a veteran
19 and I think this is unhealthy for democracy.

20 I'd like to thank you for my two minutes
21 of freedom, a freedom that I'd like to have restored
22 to the airwaves of Philadelphia.

23 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Danielle
24 Dubness. Danielle? Mary Hersel? Hannah Sassaman.

25 MS. SASSAMAN: Thank you. Commissioners

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1 Martin, Copps, Adelstein, Tate, and McDowell, I'd
2 like to welcome you to the home state of the
3 Prometheus Radio Project. My name is Hannah
4 Sassaman and it's a pleasure to be testifying to you
5 today as a Pennsylvanian on an issue that has deeply
6 affected my life and inspired me to speak to you
7 today.

8 When Bill Baldwin, the first speaker on
9 the panel began to talk about the service he
10 provides to his community in the form of Teddy
11 Bears, Toys for Tots, donations to Habitat for
12 Humanity, and the Salvation Army, I knew that I
13 needed to remind the Commission, as well as this
14 audience that truest gift a broadcaster can give to
15 its community of license is access to our own
16 airwaves. But we don't need a gift. We need to
17 take them back.

18 I'm also impressed that a number of the
19 broadcasters who came here earlier today said not to
20 change anything. I'd like you to remember that when
21 you go back to Washington.

22 We own these airwaves so one would think
23 that even in a market like Harrisburg, where Clear
24 Channel, Cumulus, and Citidel own 13 stations
25 between them, that there would be room for the

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1 Harrisburg Peace and Justice Center, the Market
2 Square Presbyterian Church, Bishop Peterson's
3 Ministry, and the Women in Black, to speak to their
4 own issues on their own low power FM radio station.

5 In Philadelphia, my town, another Clear
6 Channel stronghold, one would think that the
7 People's Emergency Center, the youth journalists of
8 Project Home who you heard from today, or the
9 students in the community college could have a
10 station, or at least their own show. But the
11 National Association of Broadcasters, very strongly
12 represented today, has limited low power FM.

13 When the FCC considers whether or not to
14 consolidate media ownership, they should remember
15 their promise to Congress that they wanted to remind
16 them that it is up to them to expand lower power FM.
17 We have you, Commissioner Copps, and you,
18 Commissioner Adelstein, on record. Now it's time
19 for Commissioner Martin, Tate, and McDowell to stand
20 up for lower power. You at the FCC have a
21 responsibility to protect low power FM, to stop
22 media consolidation and to expand community radio.

23 Thank you very much.

24 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Susan
25 Emmons.

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1 MS. EMMONS: Good afternoon. My name is
2 Susan Emmons. I am a United Church of Christ pastor
3 from York, Pennsylvania. I am on the peace and
4 justice ministry team of the Penn Central
5 Conference. The United Church of Christ has been
6 involved in communications advocacy since 1959. I
7 am also a domestic violence attorney.

8 In a case in which I was involved
9 prosecuting a sexual assault, the local newspaper
10 printed the name of the victim in the newspaper. In
11 this instance, the sexual assault advocate was able
12 to sit down with the editor, who was a member of my
13 community and dialogue with him about his reckless
14 editorial decision. Should this rule had been in
15 effect that the television had been owned by the
16 same company as our local newspaper, the harm which
17 could have occurred to the survivor and her family
18 and unnamed victims would have been even worse and
19 we would not have had redress.

20 I am also here in my capacity as a mommy
21 of an eight year old multi-media consumer. With
22 further media consolidation, I believe that there
23 will be even less choices for my daughter of
24 programming that promote positive gender values,
25 appropriate roles, positive values and nonviolence.

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1 The media conglomerates are a power and
2 principality that I struggle against in order to
3 promote peace and justice within my family and my
4 community. Don't make them even more powerful.

5 Thank you.

6 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Can we
7 please have number 95, Barbara May, Connie Spark,
8 Alison Hersh, Ken Pauls and Richard Slade come to
9 this microphone? Barbara May, Connie Spark, Alison
10 Hersh, Ken Pauls and Richard Slade. Thank you.

11 Noah Winer.

12 MR. WINER: Good afternoon,
13 Commissioners. I'm Noah T. Winer. I'm the media
14 action director at MoveOn.org civic action and it's
15 a pleasure to speak to you this afternoon.

16 I wanted to note that some of the
17 comments are about the value, as some of the other
18 speakers have said, the value of local stations in
19 helping local charities, and that's an important
20 role. But I think the real question that we have to
21 consider is do those stations have adequate
22 reporters with adequate resources to investigate the
23 root causes of some of the issues those charities
24 are trying to resolve? Do they have enough
25 reporters to cover an explosion in homelessness? Do

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1 they have enough reporters to cover the healthcare
2 crisis or lack of adequate funding for public
3 education? Those are the real questions and I think
4 we have to look at who is most likely adequate
5 reporters for local stories. Is it a local owner or
6 is it a distant owner?

7 And I want to tell a story about how
8 MoveOn members tried to impact that dynamic. About
9 a year ago when the Tribune Company announced that
10 across the country they were going to be cutting
11 over 800 newsroom jobs, we heard about this from our
12 members. We are an organization of 3.2 million
13 Americans across the country and we're member
14 driven. So the things we work on come from our
15 members. Members said, this was a huge concern for
16 local journalism and we took action. And the local
17 journalists were very sympathetic, the local editors
18 were very sympathetic, in fact, outraged about what
19 was happening to their newspapers. But when we took
20 the concern to Tribune CEO, Dennis FitzSimons, he
21 ignored those concerns. He actually refused to meet
22 with his own local customers.

23 So, while, and I think what that's
24 really about, the excuse that's often given is that
25 the internet is killing the newspaper. And I think

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1 the reality is that newspapers have been very
2 uncreative in thinking about how to transition onto
3 the internet. And I think the people who are going
4 to take risks are not the Tribune companies of the
5 world they are locally owned newspapers who will
6 innovate, who will come up with new, they are the
7 laboratories of the newspapers of the future, who
8 will come up with new ways to create a newspaper
9 funding model --

10 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

11 MR. WINER: -- that makes sense and that
12 works on the internet.

13 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.

14 MR. WINER: Thank you.

15 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Pete Tridish.

16 MR. TRIDISH: Hi, I'm Pete Tridish. I'm
17 from the Prometheus Radio Project. We build radio
18 stations with farm workers groups, with
19 environmental organizations and neighborhood
20 associations.

21 In high school, I learned that laws were
22 invented to protect the weak from the strong. You
23 know, if we didn't have government, life would be
24 short and nasty and brutish, sort of like a reality
25 TV show. In my ten years engaged with the FCC

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1 fighting for low power and local opportunities in
2 media, I have discovered that the opposite is true.
3 Corporations use the power that they have from
4 owning the media to get rid of rules that protect
5 the small guys from the giants and we are left only
6 with laws that protect the giants from the small
7 ones.

8 I'll give you recent example of an FCC
9 decision in December that almost nobody knows about.
10 It's kind of typical, though. Full power stations
11 have what is called a community of license. Now, a
12 community of license is the municipality that the
13 station is licensed to serve. In order to change
14 towns, stations had to go through a complicated
15 rigmarole and that sounds bad. No one likes a
16 rigmarole from government. Right? But, in this
17 case, the hoops that you had to jump through were
18 actually good. If you just allow companies to move
19 willy-nilly, all the radio stations will just sort
20 of shimmy their way towards the urban centers where
21 there are greater profits and populations available
22 to them.

23 So, the first problem with this is that
24 small towns, like say, Doylestown, would their only
25 stations as they sort of slither closer to

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1 Philadelphia, where there's more money involved.
2 And then the second problem is that stations that
3 are allowed to do this without regard, they're
4 allowed to do this without any regard for the lower
5 power FM stations that are in their path. And so if
6 a full power station wants the frequency, the law
7 just says that the community station has to give it
8 up.

9 By FCC law, if the bully came up to you
10 and said, I like your sneakers, give them to me, you
11 would have to do it. And if you didn't do it, you'd
12 be breaking the law. And if you don't just give up
13 those sneakers, you know, they'll come out and
14 they'll shut your station down, take it away from
15 you, fine you \$10,000 and put you in jail.

16 Low power stations need more rights than
17 that. Just in the past month, --

18 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

19 MR. TRIDISH: -- since the rules have
20 changed, 140 changes of community of license have
21 happened, 50 low power stations are going to suffer
22 harmful interference or they're going to be ending
23 up just being just left off the dial.

24 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

25 MR. TRIDISH: So, I hope you take some

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1 action to stop the changes of community of license.
2 Thanks very much.

3 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. David
4 Raskin.

5 MR. RASKIN: Hi. Good afternoon. My
6 name is David Raskin. I teach in the English
7 Department at the Community College of Philadelphia
8 and I really do appreciate your coming out here and
9 listening to us all. And while I do have your two
10 minutes, I want to take up a little bit if your tie
11 with a story that I've been following on my local
12 network affiliates over the past week.

13 So this past weekend, a young mother of
14 two walked into a hair salon and she asked the
15 hairdresser to shave her head and the hairdresser
16 refused. And after that, she was upset about this
17 and so she grabbed the scissors herself and started
18 hacking off her own hair. And so the hairdresser,
19 cowed by this activity, went ahead and shaved her
20 head.

21 Later in the weekend, the same mother of
22 two went and got a tattoo of a pair of lips on her
23 wrist and then proceeded to check herself in and out
24 of rehab.

25 The young woman in question is --

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1 (Chorus of Britney Spears.)

2 MR. RASKIN: Britney Spears, yes. Now,
3 I don't say this to criticize infotainment, because
4 in fact, I really do love it and I read US Weekly,
5 I'm not ashamed to say. And I follow these stories
6 because I find the culture of celebrity interesting.

7 But they take up such a prominent part
8 of our news media at this point, which I think is
9 symptomatic of consolidation and a news media that
10 is governed by a profit motive, but they take up
11 such a prominent part of our news media at this
12 point, I think we can all agree is certainly not
13 time devoted to civic discourse. And I think that
14 while people do have some responsibility for
15 themselves to go seek out information that is
16 relevant to civic discourse, I think it's incumbent
17 upon you, as a regulatory body to assure that they
18 do have the available information so that they can
19 pursue that.

20 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Tina
21 O'Leary.

22 MS. O'LEARY: Hello, Commissioners.
23 First, may I thank you for holding these vital
24 hearings? I am heartened today to be hearing so
25 many of my own thoughts echoed here.

1 In my opinion, there are two major
2 issues that are critical to democracy surviving as
3 our forefathers intended. The foremost is to have
4 every vote counted as cast, which in our present
5 state of electronic voting machines called DREs,
6 it's impossible to prove that they are being counted
7 correctly. In fact, they have been proven to be
8 highly vulnerable.

9 I witnessed with my own two eyes, at the
10 last House administration hearing in D.C. last year,
11 Professor Felton from Princeton break into and
12 insert an undetectable virus into a DRE in under five
13 minutes, in under five minutes. I mean, that is, it
14 was incredible. And nowhere on the news media have
15 I heard a thing about that. Well, a little bit on
16 the internet and maybe for one or two days on TV,
17 but that was it. And that is our sacred birthright
18 here in America, is to be able to have our votes
19 counted. Okay?

20 It's time for people to wake up and get
21 the real information that we need to have this
22 democracy survive. And we're not getting it at this
23 point.

24 This brings me to the next critical
25 issue, the one we're addressing today. Scantily or

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