

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.

I attended 2 FCC Town Hall meetings in Los Angeles. Kevin Martin cares so much about the people's opinion on issues he failed to show up for one of them. The one he did show up for he left after his little talk and avoided listening to the citizens complaints altogether. The reason he left of course is that he knew that 100% or 99% of the people testifying would be against further deregulation and he was too chicken to confront them. He prefers to act cordial and work behind the scenes to promote policies the people object to. I don't blame him because as predicted by Kopps 100% of those speaking before the FCC were against it. When is the last time 100% of the people were either for or against a policy? Musicians, actors, writers, authors, and even 10 or 15 students and teachers from a Los Angeles school testified they had to be escorted to their cars after they received bomb threats after KABC broadcasts that contained racially inflammatory statements by several host

s. I want KABCs license revoked because this type of hatred is un-American has no place in the airwaves that are owned by the American people. I also want to revoke Fox News license to broadcast for the same reason.

Read the following article:

http://www.aztlan.net/fcc_vs_kabc_hearing.htm

No one would have expected the police to harass those protesting this racist policy but to day nothing surprises me anymore.

Links to an article:

http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2845&Itemid=79&lang=en

Listen and a watch video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEumNAGVxhc>