

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.

Some thoughts to share with you.

The FCC chairman needs to be thoroughly investigated as to just why he is rushing to judgement, committing treason, for the wealthy media moguls.

He and all the other Bush conspirators are rushing to The Rapture, where all hell breaks out. Kinda like real life under this administration.

Wish Bush and his little band of Nazis would knock off the evil power grab stuff. Con-men, lying, thieves, thugs, right-wing nut-job idiots, Republicans, use lies, secrecy and torture to try and overthrow the government of the United States.

And they are getting away with it. They just decide what they want to do and then do it. It's a big game to them. Look at Cheney. On the other hand, don't look at Cheney, smug, talking out of the corner of his mouth, the lies dripping like puke from the devil incarnate, proud, self assured and unbelievably vain. What a guy.

Bush, Cheney, Rice, Rumsfeld, Rove and their top 1000 lieutenants should spend the rest of their lives in solitary confinement at Abu Ghraib after being tried and convicted of crimes against humanity, lying to starting an illegal unprovoked war, and genocide in the deaths of over one million innocent iraqi men, women and children. Bush/Cheney could care less. They're rich and you're not, so you lose.

Bush is an insane, evil devil. A convicted cocaine addict, a convicted drunk driver, a lying, phony, born-again Christian killer of tens of thousands babies, children, and mommies and daddies. What a guy.