



November 20, 2007

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notification of Written Ex Parte Communication
MB Docket Nos. 06-121 and 02-277
MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, and 00-244

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of our client Media General, Inc. this is to advise you, in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, that on November 19, 2007, the attached letter was transmitted to Chairman Martin by Senators Jim Webb and John Warner. It is our understanding that, pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(3) of the rules, presentations from members of Congress normally are placed in the record of a permit-but-disclose proceeding by the Commission staff. We are filing this letter out of an abundance of caution, however, because the attachment to the letter of Senators Webb and Warner also was addressed to Chairman Martin.

As required by Section 1.1206(b), as modified by the policies applicable to electronic filings, one electronic copy of this letter is being submitted for each above-referenced docket.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Anne Swanson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

M. Anne Swanson

Attachment
cc w/attach. (by email):
Hon. Keven J. Martin

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 19, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8B201
Washington, D.C. 20554-0001

Dear Chairman Martin:

We write today regarding the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proposed revision of the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule. Enclosed, please find a copy of Media General's letter to the FCC.

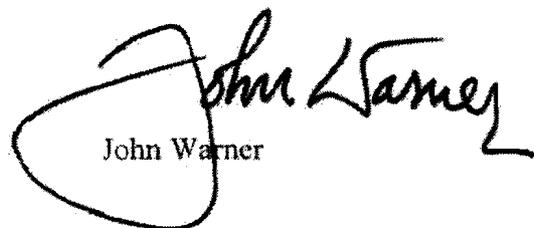
As the United States Senators representing the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the United States Senate, we want to share with you a letter we received from Media General, a constituent company, on the issue and respectfully request that you give it every appropriate consideration. In our view, the Federal Communications Commission should examine with close consideration the impact the cross-ownership ban has had not only on media companies operating in smaller markets over the last thirty years since its enactment, but more importantly any adverse impact it has had on the quantity and quality of local and community based news programming.

We appreciate your review of this correspondence from Media General. Please treat this correspondence in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Sincerely,



Jim Webb



John Warner

Enclosure



Marshall N. Morton
President
Chief Executive Officer

November 15, 2007

The Honorable Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

As the Commission considers long-overdue changes to the 1975 newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership ban, we urge you to modify the rule so that relief will be provided to small and mid-sized markets.

Media General is committed to providing high-quality local news to the communities it serves. But local news is also very expensive to produce, and the economics of operating television stations and newspapers in small and middle markets are far different, and more challenging, than in larger markets.

The Commission also knows from the comprehensive record it has developed over the years, including the Commission's own peer-reviewed studies released just in the last few months, that both the quantity and quality of local television news increase in markets where there is common ownership of a television station and a newspaper.

It should be entirely unacceptable for the Commission to consider any form of cross-ownership "relief" that contemplates the divestiture of existing newspaper/broadcast combinations, thereby depriving communities of the enhanced local news benefits they receive today. To do this based on some notion of market size, and then actually discriminating against small and mid-sized markets, should be policy anathema to the Commission. The Commission knows well that small and mid-sized markets are already the most at-risk for losing high-quality local television news.

We believe a fresh approach is warranted. We believe the Commission should allow cross-ownership relief in exchange for a non-discriminatory opt-in commitment to specific public interest obligations. These obligations would be both measurable and enforceable, would include a significant and dedicated percentage of local programming, increased

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provision of news prior to elections, informal ascertainment of community needs and interests, a significant number of PSAs and public accountability on station workforce composition. We further would support an enforcement provision involving annual certifications to the FCC.

We believe this new, constructive approach provides the appropriate policy framework for modifying a rule the courts already have said cannot be justified in its present form. We urge you to move forward on this basis.

Sincerely,


Marshal N. Morton