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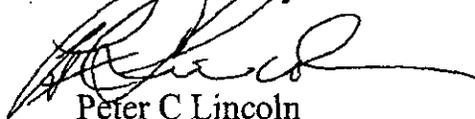
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Martin:

You are making a serious mistake if you seek to allow any of the few giant media companies to expand their holdings. American interests are better served by having more local ownership of media outlets. The public airwaves and modern analogues of public airwaves like the internet should be more accessible to individuals and local interests. The constitution through provisions like freedom of the press intended to foster public debate of all government policies. In this century in particular, the trend has been to hide important decisions from public view and debate. Do not allow policies that would enable that sort of obfuscation. A mere six companies minimizing coverage of the opposition to war could frustrate – if indeed that inaction has not already frustrated – the will of the overwhelming majority of our fellow countrymen in what is supposed to be a democracy. I appeal to your human decency to enable more diverse ownership of the media outlets and restrict further the number of outlets can be owned by a single person or corporation.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours sincerely



Peter C Lincoln

cc:

Senator Inoue

Senator Akaka

Representative Abercrombie

Representative Hirono

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Dear Mr. Martin,

As an upstanding and concerned citizen, I write to you to voice my opinions in regards to the FCC's hearing of media consolidation. Media conglomerates believe further consolidation will help provide jobs for many across the country, but people actually stand to lose their jobs if corporations continue to grow and they only invest in "K" or capital. They also argue that ad shares are down in television when in fact they are at record highs due to corporate price-fixing. Lastly, they argue that the previous year's profit was at a meager two billion dollars when they do not specify the amount of revenue that went towards executive salaries and bonuses.

I believe that media is of utmost importance in our society and it shapes the opinions of millions of Americans across the country who believe that the news and opinions they are subject to are factual and honest. Media is run by an elite group of individuals who do not allow other views, especially those that do not serve their interests, to be heard. If this government allows further consolidation of media into an even smaller oligopoly, fewer opinions and views would be voiced across the spectrum. That is unacceptable and almost criminal in the field of broadcast news and journalism. Censorship and omission will permeate our society and the ideals of democracy will be lost if people are unwillingly "brainwashed" by this well-controlled medium. I implore you to instead look out for the interests of the people the United States and I hope integrity will override profit for once in this fine nation.

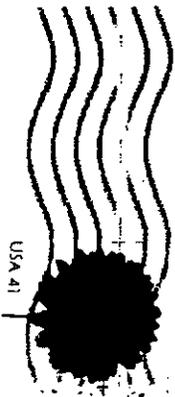
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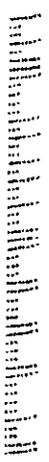
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To whom this may concern:

I am a high school student currently learning about the U.S. government in my American democracy class. It is interesting learning the effect the U.S. government has on the public.

More than 50% of the public receive their news from T.V. Yes, the media keeps us entertained and but also half informed. Meanwhile local networks are being crushed by the huge cooperations that are cartels. With standard cable providing up to 80 channels, the public may think they are watching different networks, but in reality these networks in mass are owned by no more than 6 cooperations that are a media cartel. These six media cooperations are supposedly providing our source of media, knowledge, and giving us democracy. However, these six media cooperations fail to do so, instead they provide us with mass production news that is not even necessary true.

If only six cooperations are the only ones providing us our news, where is the competition in the media market that the capitalist values so dearly. Instead media cooperation is consolidating and controlling the market. This problem is not new, but an old problem that has increased. What could have caused these few media cooperations to be as powerful as they are now. If we take a look at the Telecommunication act as a reflection of what has been happening we notice that regulation of the media has become less strict over the past years. This act that once limited media cooperation to reach only 35% of households in 1996 has increased to 50%.

With increasing power given to media cooperations these cooperations expand. Yes, from an economist point of view this is good for the economy. However this would mean that small networks are once again consumed making the big cooperations bigger. And ultimately this is not good for the public interest; we are losing variety of thought. While some may argue that network media cooperations are in desperate need of deregulation to boost media profits, are they not making a lot already. From an economist perspective and judging on data, yes, as an individual cooperation some media networks are not profiting as much as they are spending. But in reality, we know that the individual cooperation is part of a huge conglomerate, and what really matters is the overall profit generated from that cooperation as a whole.

Living a country that prides itself for its democracy, we as the public have the right to know what is happening in the world. Media is supposed to help the public be aware of threats to our nation's security. Instead the media is restricting democracy from the public with mass produced one- sided news. Media networks need more regulations otherwise the several cooperation that now sells our nearly all our movies, TV, radio, magazines, books, music, and web services will diminish into a monopoly.

Respectfully,

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An Open Letter to:

Chairman Kevin J. Martin and Members of the Federal Communications Commission.

Federal Communications Commission
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Greetings:

We strongly oppose the plan of the Chairman and the two Republican members to relax the media ownership rules in mid-December.

It is our understanding that airwaves belong to the public. They may be licensed to commercial and to non-profit interests provided public service is demonstrated. This does not seem to be the practice in the face of media conglomerates already being too large.

News, local programming and ethnic interests suffer when absentee owners make decisions based on what appears to be in the best interests of the conglomerate.

We request the Commission to return to the policy of requiring proof of community service every three years before renewing a license. We urge you not to make the proposed changes on a partisan basis (3 Republicans for 2 Democrats against)

Three years ago the Commission lost a major court challenge to an effort to relax the media ownership rules.

Our Representatives in the Congress must be aware that news outlets in their districts are being too tightly controlled by too few companies.

One gets the impression from the New York Times, October 18, 2007 that Chairman Martin's proposed changes would be a big victory for some executives of media conglomerates.

Sincerely,

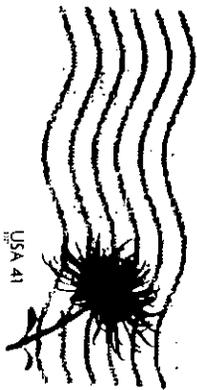
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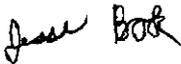
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Chairman Kevin J. Martin,

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission will soon be voting on a very important issue – whether to relax the restrictions on media companies and allow them to gain a larger share of the market, or to keep the restrictions at the current levels. I urge you to vote against these new restrictions. There are only a handful of these extremely powerful corporations which control over 90% of all media – newspapers, television, Internet, magazines, etc. Allowing these corporations to grow even larger will make it harder for small or publicly owned businesses to compete for market share, thus reducing competition. Although I do think that reduced competition can be a good thing in other markets, it has no place in media. Consider that about 83% of Americans receive their news from television broadcasts and about 21% receive their news from Internet sources. The problem in this arises when there are very few providers of the actual news. This means that a very large number of Americans are getting all their news from a handful of corporations, instead of a larger group of corporations competing to provide important, meaningful information. In addition, it seems to me that these few media corporations are all trying to compete with Rupert Murdoch and News Corp., which leads to all the stories by FOX (owned by News Corp.) being “recycled” on all the other news stations. So in reality, everybody who watches ABC or CBS is really just hearing whatever was said on FOX. I suppose that what I'm trying to say is this: deregulation of media leads to reduced competition and a badly ill-informed public. I state again, please vote against deregulation.

Sincerely,



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