

MB Docket 06-121

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Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12 St SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC plan to allow additional Media Concentration

Dear Chairman Martin:

Please don't end the ban on broadcast media owners also owning a newspaper outlet in the same city. As you know, American cities are struggling to support one newspaper per city. When that newspaper is merely a carbon copy of the local television/ radio stations' news information, "an informed public," which is the cornerstone of a viable democracy, will be a non sequitur.

I'm very concerned about any plan to relax media ownership rules. America needs more not less diverse ownership of the various media outlets.

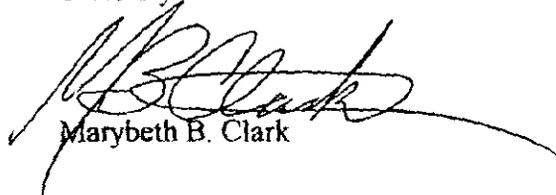
Relaxing media ownership rules is a one-sided proposal; huge media conglomerates get increased control of information while the voting public gets ever more limited access to ideas. This may be good for a media business but it is not good for the country.

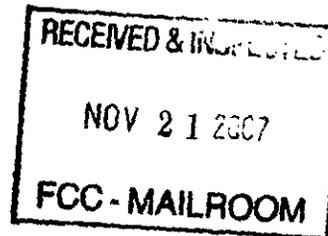
The people in Green Cove Springs FL may not view a given issue in the same light as people in, for example, Chicago or New York. It is that diversity and freedom of thought that makes this nation work. To concentrate ownership in fewer hands would be a great detriment to America.

I realize the mega media conglomerates have tremendous lobbying capability both in terms of money and access to government officials, but it is the job of a democratic government to represent all its citizens not just those with money and influence.

We must never create a situation where a national or international organization or a political party could dictate news policy be it local or national.

Sincerely


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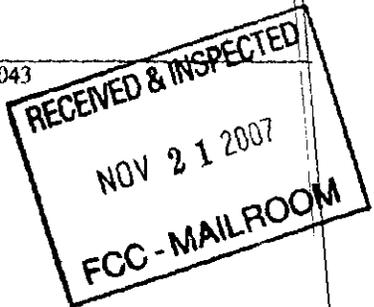


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Dear Chairman Martin:

As an American, I'm very concerned about any plan to relax media ownership rules. America needs more not less diverse ownership of the various media outlets. When ownership is concentrated, citizens have limited access to information – this is not good for Democracy.

Relaxing media ownership rules is a very one-sided proposal; huge media conglomerates get increased control of information while the voting public gets ever more limited access to ideas. We must keep in mind that what may be good for a media conglomerate is not necessarily good for the country.

When media ownership is diverse, each news outlet can be locally managed rather than have its policy set by some international organization. Even on national or international issues local views must be presented. The people in Green Cove Springs FL may not view a given issue in the same light as people in, for example, Chicago – local views are valid and local media outlets must have the freedom to express this diversity.

Obviously, the media conglomerates have tremendous lobbying capability both in terms of money and access to government officials but it is the job of the government to represent all its citizens not just those with money and influence.

We must never create a situation where a national or international organization or a political party could dictate news policy be it local or national.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry R. Imhoff".

Larry R. Imhoff