

I support the recently adopted rules to improve accountability of broadcasters who use public airwaves to serve news and information needs of their communities.

The new rules bring greater transparency to the ways in which broadcasters serve the diverse and local needs of their audiences. They are about holding the broadcasters accountable to communities for the programming that they air.

Media consolidation reduced localism and diversity of voices in cities and towns across the country. Many broadcasters place serving their own financial interest over serving the public interest.

These proposals are common sense and fundamental to broadcasters' obligation to serve their local community interests. They represent extremely modest attempts to address growing concerns of American citizens across the country who fear continuing loss of local voices on their airwaves, disappearing coverage of local civic information, decreasing amount of original programming that speaks to diverse community needs.

Please protect these new rules and allow the public to hold TV broadcasters accountable to their communities. Thank you.