

I am writing to express my support for the recently adopted rules to improve the accountability of broadcasters who use the public airwaves to serve the news and informational needs of their communities.

The new rules are about bringing greater transparency to the ways in which broadcasters are serving 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 has reduced localism and the 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's obligation to serve their local community interests. They represent extremely modest attempts to address the growing concerns of American citizens across the country who experience and fear the loss of local voices on their airwaves, the disappearance in coverage of local civic information, and the 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.

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