

In exchange for using our airwaves for free, broadcasters are supposed to provide programming that fulfills community needs. But too often they focus on maximizing their profit margins while minimizing their obligation to serve the public.

It's time for the FCC to stop treating our airwaves as a corporate handout and start holding broadcasters to their end of the deal.

As the FCC reviews its ownership rules it must commit to strengthening our media — and our democracy — by putting the public interest before corporate profit:

1. The Commission must not consider any rules that would further concentrate media ownership.
2. The Commission's review must address the deep and intractable disparities in media ownership by women and people of color.
3. The Commission must strengthen its rules to prevent companies from using local news sharing agreements to circumvent ownership limits and provide less public interest programming.