

To FCC Commissioners Genachowski, Clyburn and McDowell:

It has come to my attention that you are considering lifting 35−year−old ban designed to prevent corporate oligarchs from creating media monopolies.

This strikes me as an utterly catastrophic scenario, when the state of journalism and public service programming is already crippled by the consolidation of ownership and the influence of powerful vested interests.

The condensation of agglomerated wealth and power in the media business is a threat to democracy, to civility, and to the very notion of a functioning society. If the FCC sees fit to allow the strongest and largest iron fists to command majority of our publishing and broadcasting outlets, then we must ask why the government even bothers with the pretense of maintaining public airwaves and having freedom of information acts.

Regards,

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