

To FCC Commissioners Genachowski, Clyburn and McDowell:

In 4 days, you could lift a 35−year−old ban preventing corporate owners like Rupert Murdoch from creating media monopolies. This would be a disastrous blow to the concept of an objective media in the United States.

Six giant corporations already control more than half of what we watch and read everyday − this concentration of media power represents a threat to our democracy.

Lifting the ban on TV−newspaper dual ownership would give media empires like GE and News Corp the final green light to toast their competition.

Local newsrooms are already closing, investigative journalism collapsing and diverse viewpoints shrinking from our airwaves as a result of the current media ownership concentration.

The FCC was created to protect the public voice, not drown it − we expect them to honor that mandate. Please do not allow these media monopolies to grow even larger.

Thank you,

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