

To FCC Commissioners Genachowski, Clyburn and McDowell:

I strongly oppose lifting a 35-year-old ban preventing large corporations from creating media monopolies.

Six giant corporations control more than half of what we watch and read everyday
−− this is a big threat to our democracy.

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

Local newsrooms are closing, investigative journalism is collapsing and diverse viewpoints are shrinking from our airwaves.

The FCC was created to protect the public voice, not drown it. I expect the FCC to honor that mandate.

Regards,

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