

Please do not grant a waiver of the ban against media monopolies in order to allow Mr. Rupert Murdoch to purchase the L.A. Times and the Chicago Tribune. Such a waiver is against the interests of the people and their democracy because diversity of public opinion is necessary for informed decision-making.

Furthermore, Mr. Murdoch has earned such a negative reputation for himself and his business operations elsewhere that his influence in our media in the United States should be more greatly restricted; it should not be expanded.