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Comments RE: number 09-182, media ownership

Our democracy depends upon diverse forms of media that are independent and free. Over the years all forms of media--television, radio, newspapers, and others--have been bought up and are now owned by just six huge corporations. This is dangerous to our democracy. Our free society depends on being able to understand issues discussed in diverse formats in radio, television, and newspapers that are not under the control of just a few large corporations.

I adamantly oppose any actions by the FCC that would allow further consolidation of media in America. It would be a mistake to allow one corporation to all the media companies in one community. If anything, the FCC should be moving to break these monopolies to restore competition and diversity in our country's media.

I am particularly concerned that the FCC is considering taking these actions without public hearings. This is not something that should be done quickly and in secrecy as the FCC appears to be doing. Four years ago, the FCC got a resounding "NO" from the public when it tried to do much the same thing. I believe the public still believes this is a bad idea.

More diversity, not less diversity in media ownership, should be the FCC goal. I strongly oppose any FCC action that would allow further consolidation of American Media.

Sincerely,

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