

The proposed loosening of the cross-ownership rules between broadcast stations and newspapers in the same market is a big mistake. It represents a continuing consolidation and domination of large media conglomerates across the US, results in a loss of jobs and goes in the opposite direction of a diversity of voices in the media. We need more diversity of voice, and opportunities of ownership, not a few large voices. This proposal needs to be cancelled and the cross-ownership rules need to remain in place and unmodified. They were put there for a reason. If this is allowed to happen, it will lead eventually to only a few voices in small markets. The proposal needs to be stopped now.