

Please do not allow consolidation of media ownership. Commence one year of public hearings where the audience can participate in person instead of panel members. I have worked for three locally owned Arizona newspapers, all of which now are owned by chains from outside the state with no interest in local news. The public is not being informed about proceedings of school boards, city and town councils, county supervisors, zoning boards and other local taxpayer-supported agencies. Please continue Sen. Kerry's process to find better ways to support local news as chains are pulling away from this.