

I am writing in regards to News Corp.'s interest in assuming ownership of the Los Angeles Times. Such purchase would be prohibited under current FCC regulations, and I adamantly desire that it stay so.

With the fall of the Herald Examiner in 1989, the Los Angeles Times is the only major newspaper serving the second-largest city in the United States. No other publication encompasses the entire region and all news categories. The Los Angeles Times continues to be a strong check on our local elected officials, public services, as well as private entities who would manipulate the populace for their gain.

No news source should be taken at face value, however. People should consistently seek to check multiple sources, as one might miss an important aspect of a story or might make an error. This is why the rule against cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations in the same market exists, and it should remain in place.

We have already lost much to the relaxing of rules against monopolization of information sources, and the resultant aggregation of media conglomerates. It's time for the FCC to stand firm and not further dissolve our system.