



The Honorable Brendan Carr
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Carr:



We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, write to support your efforts to modernize the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) broadcast ownership regulations. While these rules may have served the public interest in last century's marketplace, they have long since become antiquated and harmful by stifling investment and innovation in broadcasting. We encourage the Commission to expeditiously repeal these regulations, specifically the 39% national television cap, local TV duopoly rules, and local radio ownership caps.



The FCC's television and radio ownership rules date back to the 1940s, when broadcast dominated mass communications in the U.S. Since then, the media marketplace has changed drastically – from widespread deployment of cable and satellite television networks to the rise of social media, podcasts, and streaming.



Local broadcasters compete directly with Big Tech, streaming services, and social media platforms in the marketplace of consumer content. Yet, unlike their competitors such as YouTube and Facebook, broadcasters are limited by the ownership rules in how many households and consumers they can reach. This is an inherent disadvantage.



Local broadcasters provide a service in the national interest impossible for their competitors to replace. In times of crisis and emergency, local broadcasters play a central role in delivering timely, localized and often lifesaving information.



Without reform, valued local broadcast radio and television services could disappear entirely. We recognize that you have long been a leader in supporting broadcast regulatory reforms, including in your dissent to the FCC's most recent decision upholding the antiquated ownership rules:



"Indeed, the Commission has consistently ignored Congress's deregulatory mandate under the statute ... despite a record bursting with evidence of a vibrant media marketplace, the Commission continues to advance the fiction that broadcast radio and broadcast television stations exist in markets unto themselves. It is past time for the FCC to confront the harms that its own media ownership policies have caused."



By eliminating the national television cap, local TV duopoly restrictions, and local radio ownership caps, broadcasters can better achieve the scale and efficiencies necessary to compete – and to attract vital investment – in a fragmented and rapidly evolving information market.





We appreciate the leadership you've exhibited throughout your career on this important issue. We fully support your efforts to modernize the FCC's broadcast regulations, and we look forward to seeing the benefits to consumers, communities, and public safety as a result.

Sincerely,

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