



August 23, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Via Electronic Filing

**Re: MB Docket No. 13-189, Gannett-Belo Transaction**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Attached please find the signatures of 1,046 people urging the Commission to block Gannett and Belo's plans to evade the media ownership rules.

Using front groups and covert consolidation tactics, Gannett intends to take and keep control of stations in markets where it already owns other media outlets, like daily newspapers and "top 4" rated network TV affiliates. These types of deals violate the letter and the spirit of the Commission's local ownership limits, which are designed to promote local coverage, quality journalism, competition and diversity of viewpoints on the public airwaves.

Through this petition, we urge you to deny the transfer of Belo's stations in Louisville, Phoenix, Portland, St. Louis, and Tucson.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Mr. Ben Waisanen, Portland, OR  
 Sharon MacLeod, Amboy, WA  
 Deborah Vath, Tucson, AZ  
 Craig Lefton, Phoenix, AZ  
 Renee Deljon, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Larry Netherton, Shelbyville, KY  
 Matt Renner, Maplewood, MO  
 Shari Kelts, Kirkwood, MO  
 Marie Kennedy, Brightwood, OR  
 Micah Bettis, O fallon, MO  
 Marvin K. Okamura, Phoenix, AZ  
 Germone Southall, Tucson, AZ  
 Terry Shepard, Louisville, KY  
 Arkadiy Medvedovskiy, Louisville, KY  
 Chris Clarke, Marana, AZ  
 Diane Dyer, Portland, OR  
 Paul Madarasz, Tucson, AZ  
 James GHORMLEY, VANCOUVER, WA  
 Mary Emas, St. Louis, MO  
 Ford Doran, Tempe, AZ  
 Ronald De Lair, Tucson, AZ  
 Scott Kampas, Saint Louis, MO  
 Rita Butler, Louisville, KY  
 Scott Leather, Tucson, AZ  
 David Nyquist, Highland, IL  
 John Sodrel, New Albany, IN  
 Kim Burgess, Chesterfield, MO  
 Herb Sullins, La Center, WA  
 Robert Pleasant, Mesa, AZ  
 Connie Meadows, Portland, OR  
 Michael Clegg, Tucson, AZ  
 David Johnson, Alton, IL  
 Stella Miller, st. louis, MO  
 John C. Armstrong, Tucson, AZ  
 Efrem Thomas, Tucson, AZ  
 David J Myers, Portland, OR  
 James Fowler, Belleville, IL  
 Anne Gricevich, Edwardsville, IL  
 Michael Carmody, Saint Louis, MO  
 John R. Whittier, Ellisville, MO  
 Andrea Kagie, Gilbert, AZ  
 Jerry Miller, Vancouver, WA  
 Debi Murphy, Phoenix, AZ  
 Michael Ankelman, St. Louis, MO  
 Mark Stradling, Banks, OR  
 Cathy touney, st. Louis, MO  
 Paula Frighetti, Tucson, AZ  
 Steve Walton, Phoenix, AZ  
 Patricia McGrath, Oro Valley, AZ  
 Janice Marsh, Saint Louis, MO  
 Gerald Lanning, Jeffersonville, IN  
 Karen Christian, Vail, AZ  
 Lin Vivas, Vancouver, WA  
 Les Waters, Louisville, KY  
 uwe plumhoff, La Center, WA  
 Eva Braden, Saint Louis, MO  
 Beatrice Nash, Hillsboro, OR  
 Malinda F. Briggs, Tucson, AZ  
 Lorens Aleksandrian, Edwardsville, IL  
 Benjamin Waggoner, St Louis, MO  
 Trina Brown, Salem, IN  
 Mike Waddell, Mesa, AZ  
 Michelle West, Phoenix, AZ  
 Anterre Beebe, Gilbert, AZ  
 SUE E. DEAN, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Teresa Wall, Mesa, AZ  
 Mr Robert R Racine, Mesa, AZ  
 Keith Bollman, Phoenix, AZ  
 Parnell Maxwell, Phoenix, AZ  
 Charles J. Niemoeller, Berkeley, MO  
 Bob Delaney, St. Louis, MO  
 Andrew Strautz, Phoenix, AZ  
 Susan Y. Marshall, Tucson, AZ  
 Sean Henry, Louisville, KY  
 Seth Humphrey, Saint Louis, MO  
 Donald Crawford, Mesa, AZ  
 Stephanie Baxter, Mt Washington, KY  
 Mark Schoonmaker, Louisville, KY  
 Robert Mutchie, Vine Grove, KY  
 Joseph Michael Satterlee, Louisville, KY  
 Dennis Nolan, Sun City West, AZ  
 David Garritson, New Albany, IN  
 Jeannine Mihalek, Beaver creek, OR  
 Thomas Cartier, Tucson, AZ  
 BK Jennison, Oro Valley, AZ  
 Seth McCloud, Portland, OR  
 S, Tempe, AZ  
 Ms Karen Kay Angel, Phoenix, AZ  
 Thomas Lange, portland, OR  
 Jim Brown, Portland, OR  
 Bob Sawyer, Ridgefield, WA  
 Andrew Dwiggin, St. Charles, MO  
 Rita Bowles, Washougal, WA  
 Judith Rae Rieder, Boring, OR  
 Patricia Vogler, Saint Louis, MO  
 Marco Antonio Perez Gonzalez, Phoenix, AZ  
 Carol Tvaroh, New Albany, IN  
 Alan Bonney, Portland, OR  
 Lois Potter, Phx., AZ  
 Patricia Burrows, Saint Charles, MO  
 Jennifer Scott, Saint Louis, MO  
 Mike Guthrie, Beaverton, OR  
 Stuart R. Shaw, Salem, OR  
 Jason, Vancouver, WA  
 Stephen Dutschke, Louisville, KY  
 Jonathan Hedstrom, Portland, OR  
 nicky Love, Portland, OR  
 Rocco Yannotti, Tucson, AZ  
 John Crotty, Manchester, MO  
 Corinna Fritsch, phoenix, AZ  
 John Agnew, St. Louis, MO  
 Lovetta F. Pyle, Tucson, AZ  
 David Niskanen, city, MO

, Tucson, AZ  
Elizabeth Janssen, Vancouver, WA  
Annemarie Avanti, Phoenix, AZ  
Jacomina Newman-Osmon, Scottsdale, AZ  
Susan Hopper, Saint Louis, MO  
William R. Singer, Portland, OR  
Dianne Jacobs, Tucson, AZ  
Beat McGuffin, Vancouver, WA  
Oriana Spizzo, Belleville, IL  
Lauren E. Levesque, Brooklyn, NY  
Richard Reuther, Richland, WA  
Steve Kennedy, Buffalo, NY  
Jerimy Bass, Durant, OK  
Angelina Simmons, Harpswell, ME  
Mary Beth Stearns, San Angelo, TX  
Phyl Morello, White Pine, TN  
Christine Messerschmitt, Carmichael, CA  
Casey Katich, Glendale, AZ  
Joseph Kelsey, Muksegon, MI  
Rukesh Samarasekera, Las Vegas, NV  
Ryan Dustin Hill, 75081, TX  
Elaine Viskant, Fishers, IN  
Daniel Cole, Woodland, CA  
Bryley Morrell, Santa Monica, CA  
James Blanchard, Flushing, NY  
William Wilson, New York, NY  
Margaret Weeks, Sanford, ME  
Ken Spinosa, Spring Lake, NJ  
Suzanne Ristagno, san francisco, CA  
Dianne Gaschler, SLC, UT  
Lynn Hurst, Lexington, KY  
Cynthia Lujan, Tucson, AZ  
Brian David Smith, Warrenton, MO  
Michael J Ellis, Fort Collins, CO  
Penny Costello, Lincoln, NE  
Patrick Lewis, Emeryville, CA  
Jamia Kelly, Provincetown, MA  
William Resseguie, Phoenix, AZ  
Carol Gilster, Saint Louis, MO  
Brian Jones, Tucson, AZ  
Joan Butcher, saint louis, MO  
, Fountain Hills, AZ  
Gordon Posner, Tolleson, AZ  
Michael M, Glendale, AZ  
Joe Otto, Scottsdale, AZ  
L Embree, Florence, MA  
James Bradford, Takoma Park, MD  
Stephen Paolini, Winter Park, FL  
Ms. Diane Beatty, Lumberton, NJ  
William Herrmann, Tulsa, OK  
Matthew Phillips, Kingston, MA  
Carl Peterson, Manistee, MI  
Dawn Lillis, Orlando, FL  
Katie H Williams, Anderson, IN  
Hana Franklin, Cupertino, CA  
Jill Manske, Saint Paul, MN  
Susan Strong, Houston, TX  
Geoff Banzhof, Santa Fe, NM  
Tessa Simonds, Florence, TX  
Nc Crowle, New Castle, DE  
Angela Evans, Michie, TN  
Rena Guay, Oklahoma City, OK  
Roxanne Taylor, Bowie, MD  
Phillip Deem, conneaut, OH  
Mary Riley, Hoquiam, WA  
William Traughber, Hendersonville, NC  
Allen Greenberg, New York, NY  
Judy Whitehouse, Phoenix, AZ  
Jesse Schafer, Boston, MA  
John Schindler, Stony Brook, NY  
Hailu Dyami, Northampton, MA  
John Kickhofel, ,  
David Bly, Ithaca, NY  
Chuck Sherwood, South Dennis, MA  
Mrs. Katherine Jensen, Tempe, AZ  
ed revak, Mesa, AZ  
Brian LaPota, Tempe, AZ  
James Redding, Marana, AZ  
Eleanor Navarro, tucson, AZ  
Angel Torres, Phoenix, AZ  
Chris Herbert, Goodyear, AZ  
Maggie Haller, Saint Louis, MO  
Marvin I. Guymon, Littleton, CO  
Aster Harmon, Oak Park, IL  
Carlos Beltran, Chelsea, MA  
Anita, Bonita Springs, FL  
Brent Ruggles, Bethlehem, NH  
Kevin J. Mccarty, Albuquerque, NM  
Elizabeth Huergo, Alexandria, VA  
Marina Lutz, New York, NY  
Martha, Rancho Cucamonga, CA  
Janet Gaudiello, PLANTATION, FL  
Bill Russell, Atlana, GA  
Jen Davis, Portland, OR  
Hana Franklin, Cupertino, CA  
D Justice, Saint Louis, MO  
Andy Wiegert, Van Nuys, CA  
Carol P Gosnell, Leesburg, VA  
Larry Smith, Signal Hill, CA  
Fred Zimmerman, Claremont, NH  
Simon Mayeski, San Diego, CA  
John Paul Markham, Princeton, KY  
Robert LeJeune, Austin, TX  
Glen Carroll, Seattle, WA  
Jennifer Griswold, Florence, MA  
David Fuglewicz, Lawrenceville, GA  
Steven Kostis, New York, NY  
Julio Bermudez, San Francisco, CA  
Bill Miller, Las Vegas, NV  
Sue Halligan, Woodbury, MN  
Dallas Baird, Boise, ID



BUST UP THE CARTELS. FASCISTS USE THE MEDIA LIKE HITLER DID. A STRONG DEMOCRACY REQUIRES INDEPENDENT MEDIA. BRING BACK THE FOURTH ESTATE!

—Pelauria Abbott, Phoenix, AZ

Gannett is known to be a highly bias news source that broadcasts news that fits their agenda. We DO NOT want them merging with the Belo network!!!

—Shawn Wilton, Salem, OR

We are becoming a more diverse nation, with more and more people of different heritages. We need to have diverse programming, and diverse points of view being expressed.

—Laura E Griesedieck, St. Louis, MO

We watch the Belo channel in Poretland OR and it is by far the best newscast. We do not want it to go downhill. We live in a town with a Gannett newspaper and it is a rag.

—Michele and Richard vanPelt, Salem, OR

We need more diverse voices not fewer!

—Mary Ann Ann Black, Caseyville, IL

If maintaining profitability, try cutting executive salaries by 10%. Anyone who actually cares about their company or industry would willingly take that step.

—Kyle Wilson, Tucson, AZ

Dangerous precedent-setting inroads on balanced news reporting must be opposed. This should not be based upon business models but upon fairness of reportage of each side.

—Susan Getzschman, Saint Louis, MO

Diversity is a good thing!

—Robert Garrod, Tigard, OR

give me some Truth.

—Shaun Walker, Chandler, AZ

You are NO help in the economic worries!!!! We hate you people because money trumps everything and means more to you than the welfare of this country....Pretty soon people won't have money to buy TV anymore and watch your shows....It's just where everything is moving.....We support YOU.....without us you have no viewers!!!!!!

—JoAnne Hyduck Hopkins, Scottsdale,, AZ

Monopoly, monopoly, monopoly....Gannett has proven to be a media consolidation giant that monopolises the markets it serves. It already owns a full power trlrvision station, the largest and oldest newspaper in the market and an assortment of other media properties that stifle competition, squelch different opinions and discourage the free enterprise system. Allowing the acquisition of Belo by Gannett is a bad idea for the country and most definetly a bad idea for Phoenix, Arizona. Please do not allow it. Thank you.

—Jose Torres, Goodyear, AZ

I've trusted Belo communications to broadcast unbiased reporting for most of my life over KGW TV 8.

—Joel Johnson, Vancouver, WA

STOP THE MEDIA CONSOLIDATION!!!!

—Steve Sanders, vancouver, WA

Democracy depends on having a free and open media. Media consolidation works against that. We need more people owning media sources not less. Fascism centered around control of media--total control of the message. When we have fewer entities owning our airwaves we move more towards fascist modernism where a few special interests control the discourse.

—Jennifer Vigil, Oro Valley, AZ

No more merger of corporations, diverse themselves of more than one TV, radio, and newspaper in a market. And no more phoney corps owned by bigger corps to skirt the laws!

—Terry Thorne, Shiloh, IL

I am about ready to kick the TV out of my house now because the news presented is absolutely useless to me. I am old enough to remember when newscasters presented the news - all of it. Now we get 1/2 hour of national news, and the local news focuses mostly on lost dogs. I realize it is important to corporations and possibly our own government to keep us dumb and well-behaved. I don't want that for myself.

—Diane Cadonau, Hillsboro, OR

Diversity matters; no more media consolidation!

—Royale Schulze, Tucson, AZ

Time has come to break up the huge media conglomerates, such as Clearchannel

—Mike Torpey, Portland, OR

Without a healthy, diverse, independent media, we do not have hope of a healthy democracy.

—Peggy Lindquist, Portland, OR

It is egregious to place so much media power in the hands of one group - not only does this lend itself to bias - twisting stories instead of reporting the facts - it increases the cost of media coverage for consumers and may put sever limits on the coverage some areas receive.

—Connie Osterlitz, Glendale, AZ

Gannett will run television stations which compete with their own, make the rules at these 'competing' stations, hire and fire the staff of 'competing' stations -- but not technically own them. That's not competition by anyone's definition.

—Michael A. Thomas, Saint Louis, MO

With the quality of news what it is, I shudder to imagine what will be after this proposed merger! Does everything is counted in dollars and cents and there is no room for quality?

—Mohammed Iqbal, ballwin, MO

It's past time to stop these mergers. Are you afraid to use the Sherman Anti Trust Act? I don't know if it applies to media, but it should.

—Jamie Caya, Vancouver, WA

Media companies especially should be subject to the Sherman and Clayton Antitrust Acts.

—Jim Pasterczyk, Portland, OR

We need media diversity; not consolidation!

—Rick Cales, Louisville, KY

With so many of the daily newspapers stopping daily home delivery and going to online versions, many older folks who aren't computer-literate and poorer folks who can't afford a computer to read news online, rely on TV news. It is imperative that TV news be independent, informative and readily available to all voters, not just those of us who have more education and more money.

—Brenda Braden, Tualatin, OR

Enough consolidation! Please, please, please block this merger.

—Mary J Martin, St Charles, MO

NO MORE CONSOLIDATION... NEITHER IN TV OR RADIO.

—David Dowling, Salem, OR

Our democracy is in danger due to lack of accurate information being disseminated by consolidated media ownership. Please do not allow this merger to go forward.

—Nancy Seats, Shrewsbury, MO

Please don't let my local TV station KMOV be again added to the properties of a namely, out-of-state conglomerate.

—Benjamin West, Saint Louis, MO

If this merger is allowed "Freedom of the Press" will just be words. Media will be controlled and our freedom to hear truth will be curtailed. Please do not allow this merger!!

—Florence Portell, Sun City, AZ

We need diverse viewpoints! Newspapers all consolidated, TV getting worse. Please block!

—Elsie Winstead, Saint Louis, MO

In my community the major newspaper and a major TV are already owned by the same company. If a pending purchase is allowed the same company -- that is mediocre at best in news reporting -- will control two of five major TV stations in the market. This is not right. Block this merger.

—Sue Adams, Scottsdale, AZ

Big business makes big crooks. Doubly illegal!

—John Bowling, Phoenix, AZ

And here's the thing: Gannett's plans are against the law.

—Karl David Reinhardt, Webster Groves (Saint Louis), MO

Belo is the ONLY non-partisan news media in Phoenix. Please don't ruin our ONLY source of REAL news.

—Tim Phares, YOUNGTOWN, AZ

Consolidation of media is a plague that must not be allowed to erode the need for free press.

—Casey Hawley, Phoenix, AZ

Please stop this.

—Judith Crim, Sun City West, AZ

Hearing one voice repeated everywhere does nothing to encourage critical thinking. It makes for a dumber, non-thinking public.

—Rob Ayers, Surprise, AZ

I am trusting you to serve the public and block this merger.

—Melissa Smith, Tucson, AZ

There is enough consolidation. We need many voices, not just a few. Please block this merger.

—Kathryn Hofmann, Yacolt, WA

How can we have objective news reporting when nearly all the sources are owned by a few mega-outlets?

—Jean A. Lange, Florissant, MO

Please! I want truthful news - not sensational entertainment!

—Bobbie Howard, Scottsdale, AZ

We don't get any REAL news now , how will this merger help . Diversify don't concentrate !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

—Ronald Selig, Phoenix, AZ

I thought the FCC's role was to PREVENT media consolidation.

—Rebecca Luening, Portland, OR

Media cosolodation is already far too high!

—William R Ferrell, Tucson, AZ

Diversification of reporting by many sources is the power of our freedom of speech. We need a balanced variety of news from many sources, not just a few. I do not any news organization to have a monopoly, be a local area or nation wide.

—Shelley Booth, Phoenix, AZ

Media REQUIRES diversity of ownership so we don't go back to the days of Hearst's yellow journalism!

—Julianne Craig, St. Louis, MO

Please stop this merger from taking place. There is already a severe lack of media diversity in our markets and mergers such as the Gannett-Belo proposal will only worsen this issue.

—Logan Rosenstiel, Gresham, OR

Americans don't want more media consolidation. We need to rely on a diversity of news, not the voice of politically motivated conglomerates. This merger would make a bad situation worse, Balanced media creates a better informed public and gives voters what they need to make sound choices about their lives, communities and government.

—Dinah Bahlman, Phoenix, AZ

What has happened to anti-trust laws? Stop this Gannett-Belo merger. Every time one of these occurs, prices go up. Give the consumers the break, not big corporations.

—Ms. Patricia W. Oliver, Louisville, KY

Please don't allow any further consolidation of the news outlets in Tucson!

—Richard Bryant, Tucson, AZ

Gannett is the antithesis of independent journalism. Gannett killed two quality newspapers in Louisville, destroying jobs, careers, and the credibility of the news media. Gannett is a leading example of the culture of greed that grips our society and is ruining our country. Say NO to this corrosive merger!

—Rick Freeman, Louisville, KY

The FCC is no longer working for the public interest but for corporate interest. Enough!

—Andy DeBose, O'Fallon, IL

Louisville news needs its diversity upheld. Monopoly used to be against the law.

—Cindy Bidwell Glaze, Louisville, KY

Our media in America is stupid; corporatized and lobotomized as it is, please don't let it get worse.

—Thomas Johnson, Tucson, AZ

Media consolidation is taking away any pretense at diversity of coverage.

—Geri Kromminga, Vancouver, WA

Dear Ms. Clyburn, Please do not allow this merger to go through. We have already lost one newspaper and I really worry about losing another voice in the community. We need local news and programming to help keep our democracy strong. Linda Honigfort.

—Linda Honigfort, Saint Louis, MO

Our freedom depends on competing media stations.

—Amanda Honigfort, Saint Louis, MO

There is too much consolidation in the media, with far too much concern for the bottom line. News departments should be free to investigate any wrongdoing, not just the ones that will make the competition look bad.

—Mark Ellsworth, Phoenix, AZ

**STOP THIS ILLEGAL MONOPOLIZATION!**

—Dona LaSchiava, Tucson, AZ

we've already lost TWO of five TV news stations departments in st louis. I do NOT want to see us drop to only 2 viable stations. TV and Radio mergers have already ruined commercial radio in the area.

—James Small, St Louis, MO

Gannett news sucks!

—David Dunn, Louisville, KY

The big networks, ABC, NBC, Fox, CNN, et al, make the news as often as they report the news. Allowing further takeovers will only add to this disaster. RAN

—Roger A. Naylor, Mesa, AZ

The American people are sick of monopolistic practices by which Big Corporate America gouges ordinary citizens by blowing up the economy, dumbing down America, bull shit reality media to distract and disinformation. Our 1st Amendment means something. Do NOT corporatize the 1st Amendment and make it a tool of more elite propaganda! The "merger" is a 3-card Monte game. We see it. Surely, the FCC does.

—Judge Sally Willett Willett, Phoenix, AZ

All this consolidation is destroying the freedom of the press. It's anti-democratic and against the Constitution.

—Patricia Tuntland, Tucson, AZ

This merger if allowed is illegal.

—William Tucker, TUCSON, AZ

I have seen my local media shrink over the years until there are only a couple of media outlets with differing viewpoints instead of all the stations and newspapers having various sides to consider and giving different news, not everyone playing up the same stories. I dislike being so limited when there used to be lively, interesting news.

—Patricia Grames, Tucson, AZ

Where are the anti trust laws? Enough consolidation already. News services stink for the most part and with further consolidation there will be even less reason for any news entity to vie for quality.

—Douglas Russell, Scottsdale, AZ

We need more and smaller news services than few larger ones. Each paper looks the same these days. What will happen to the Edwin R. Murrow Award if there is no opposing viewpoint? I have noticed that many of the reporters who were in the news biz. are now gone (and they were middle aged).

—Dan Tennessen, Saint Louis, MO

Media consolidation has an adverse effect on democracy. We need more viewpoints, now fewer, and this community has already lost progressive talk radio. Enough is enough. Don't allow this merger.

—Sherry Willoughby, Portland, OR

we already can't get news so this has to stop

—James L Sellers, St.Louis, MO

Keep local tv local or at least not all in the hands of few .

—, Battle Ground, WA

we need to have news from different views.

—Mary Beattie, Sun City, AZ

This is a shell game. Illegal. I am opposed to this unlawful merger. JCTillotson, Scottsdale, AZ

—Janet C. Tillotson, Scottsdale, AZ

Enough consolidating.

—Patricia Orlinski, Sun City, AZ

Propaganda is to a democracy what terror is to a dictatorship

—Tom Abeln, Crestwood, MO

No more mergers! I'm not fond of Gannett & what they are doing here in AZ.

—Myrna Uditsky, Mesa, AZ

It is imperative that we keep the voices of the media objective and diverse. Do not allow this merger to further homogenize this country!

—Shari Goss, Vancouver, WA

Monopolies for more competition?! - \*ROFLMFAO\*

—Holger Tressin, Louisville, KY

Anti trust laws and ideas should be supported. Save us from corporate greed and consolidation of power and narrowing of ideas.

—Ken Scott, Tucson, AZ

It is totally amazing to me that the only alternative talk radio station in Tucson was driven off the air by copper thieves and that KPHX 1480 AM has so many apparent local jamming broadcasters on the frequency in its southern reach of its broadcast lobe.

—Mark Toth, Tucson, AZ

When one person or company own the news they control the news.

—Judith Hicks, Tucson, AZ

The people are sick and tired of the mainstream media being controlled exclusively by corporations. It might be nice to get a bit of real news for a change instead of corporate propaganda and infotainment interspersed with a deluge of commercials!

—William Hess, Edwardsville, IL

THE principal problem with America today is the inordinate accumulation of power into fewer and fewer hands. This is true of money, for money is power. And it is certainly true of the press, which controls our information. To save our democracy NO further mergers or acquisitions of radio, TV, or press facilities should be allowed. We need to keep our local news sources.

—J Stephen Callahan, UNIVERSITY CITY, MO

Your primary purpose should be to everything in to increase competition, not increase consolidation!

—Tom O'Connell, Tucson, AZ

The more diversity in media the better informed are the citizens. Mergers and consolidation do not better inform citizens. It may be to corporations' economical bottom line for mergers, but it is not to the consumers' benefit. TV news is already in the sewer. Please don't add to the effluent. Please block this merger.

—Robert Sullivan, Portland, OR

We need less consolidation not more and we depend on you to make sure it doesn't happen.

—Carol Lowe, Mesa, AZ

I would not like to see the Fourth Estate devolve to propaganda and corporate messaging. The laws are in place to prevent this. But subverting law seems to be commonplace in the corporate and political realm.

—, Camas, WA

Hearing about this merger has concerned me greatly. In addition, there are allegations that this merger would already violate laws, if not for the sneaky move of running the acquired companies through a shell company. Please look closely at this issue because the people are looking closely at your actions.

—Jessica Divers, Chandler, AZ

This puts too much power in the hands of one corporation or individual. Do not allow this to happen.

—Lillian Anderson, Sun City, AZ

If this goes through, there will be virtually no competition in the St. Louis TV market.

—Joseph Weir, swansea, IL

Since media is in only a few good old boys hands how is this journalism. Freedom stand on good people reporting news. What we now have is infomercials (a long commercial that informs or instructs, especially in an original and entertaining manner: an infomercial on making Christmas decorations using the sponsor's brand of glue.) don't let this happen.

—Vernon Miles Slatton, Pevely, MO

It is imperative we we maintain an aggressive independent local ownership of our media in Tucson.

—Juan Brito, Tucson, AZ

Just say NO! There are laws against monopolies, which is one of the things your agency is to do, protection from this sort of over step. If they want more, tell them they can go overseas.

—John T. Kerry, St. Louis, MO

Please look into "where" Gannett plans to transfer stations in order to "bypass" the law.

—Gina Gennaro, Tempe, AZ

NO more Media Consolidation: We ALREADY have too much INFOTAINMENT masquerading as NEWS!

—Patricia McHUGH, Saint Louis, MO

Enough is enough. Consolidations such as Gannett-Belo only benefit executive management and shareholders. People in affected markets won't see a higher quality product. Quite the contrary. As layoffs occur to save money local programming and news will suffer. This is all about the money for a few at the expense of local viewers. FCC just say NO.

—David Prather, Salem, OR

We are very concerned about the probable consequences of this merger.

—Lois and Gerald Sudkamp, Sun City, AZ

- Please keep media separate We keep the availability of multi-viewpoints - so we can understand the events and not have them tailored by one, or group of people that may have their own agenda to get across. Do not turn our media into Mall where you can expect to see the same thing no matter where you go.

—Mr. Paul Swain, Camas, WA

It is tough enough to get any quality TV in St. Louis without killing any remaining vestiges of diversity. The merger of Gannett and Belo is really, really bad for the public.

—William Rehtiene, Edwardsville, IL

Monopolies in any industry are a curse, in the media far worse.

—Brian Coble, Glendale, AZ

I rarely watch local television news, because the local news on commercial stations is of such poor quality, as opposed to what you get on National Public Radio. More media ownership concentration will mean more focus on the bottom line, and less concern for quality.

—Robert Longoni, Jr. Jr., Mesa AZ, AZ

How on earth can this country continue to roll back the clock to the 19th century and expect to progress? This is exactly why laws were enacted to discourage monopoly and encourage competition! What about the past are you refusing to learn?!!

—Francis Schilling, Vail, AZ

I want the Bingham back.

—Stella Godbey, Brandenburg, KY



This is against all the foundations of freedom by condensing the news and stifling differing views its effects have been felt through the bush years where a purge of honest journalists was ramped up significantly. We the people want to hear the truth, not propaganda!!!!!!

—Bruce Hermes, Tucson, AZ

Thank you for your time.

—Jesse Manning, Louisville, KY

This is 2013 not 1913! Do not let the Robber Barons monopolize our sources of information! The FCC is supposed to protect our democracy. Allowing people like the Koch Brothers, etc. to buy all media outlets for their own propaganda is wrong.

—R Bush, Jeffersonville, IN

Don't try shell games with the American people. We don't want your monopoly.

—M Wurzbach, Holmes Beach, FL

It would be wrong to let multiple television stations in St. Louis be owned by one company!!

—Michael Honigfort, Saint Louis, MO

Where are our anti-trust laws?

—Patricia Berezcki, Vancouver, WA

Current reliable local news is essential to ensure a well informed electorate. News needs to be available from diverse and well informed sources, not corporated shells.

—Terry L Eaton, Brush Prairie, WA

I fully support free press, and acquisitions like this need to stop! We deserve local news!

—Brittany Landenberger, Mokena, IL

stove piping more media will only make the 4th estate more irrelevant than it already has become.

—Bob Parazin, Richland, WA

I thought we lived in a democracy where freedom of corporate control is suppose to mean something.

—Ginny Hanebuth, Littleton, CO

Free the Press

—Stephanie Phillips, Norwood, MA

Enough already. Turn off the propaganda machine.

—Mark Burns, Tacoma, WA

"The Gannett-Belo merger violates the spirit of the Commission's media ownership rules, which are intended to promote diversity, competition and localism. This merger will lead to job losses, less quality news and fewer diverse voices on the air." Tell me. What sounds positive about that? nothing does. quit being a selfish ass.

—Noor Sheikh, Charleston, SC

Media consolidation has been a disaster. It must be reversed, not expanded, or democracy will die for want of informed citizens.

—Erin Harris, Albuquerque, NM

When will corporate control of Congress and the media end its exponential growth ?

—Thomas Mangee, San Mateo, CA

No more media consolidation!

—, Enterprise, AL

I hate to say this but because of the deliberate control that the media has placed on Americas elections I am all for some return to honest news. We have news stories of all time taking place but never gets reported because the media has turned into a platform for the guaranteed selection of critical government positions. Most people are becoming more and more aware of that and it needs to be stopped by whatever methods necessary. A foreign power now has the ability to destroy tge country I love for their own political agenda. I am doing my best to spread the word and hold the people responsible accountable for deliberate non-reporting of critical issues.

—T Gray, Las Vegas, NV

your job is on the line

—Paul Stevens, Grand Junction, CO

SAY NO TO FURTHER MEDIA CONSOLIDATION! SAVE TRULY LOCAL TV!

—Diana Wooke, Washington, DC

Thank you for your consideration.

—Abigail Askew, Gainesville, FL

STOP CORPORATE TYRANNY!

—Amy Harlib, New York, NY

Handing over control of the collection and delivery of the news to a few "players" is an assault on a healthy press and divergent points of view.

—Martha Estes, Hempstead, TX

Please represent the best interest of the people and stop this. Thank you.

—Scott W. Rowan, Avondale, AZ

we should be DEconstructing the media ownership, not merging already huge organizations.

—Michael Scott, Fayetteville, AR

Every media merger of any media industry should be closely scrutinized so that the interests of the people of the United States of America are not at an unfair (presently or in the future) as a result of the proposed merger. Always err on the side of the consumer.

—Sean O'Malley, ParkRidge, IL

we need media that lets the people know more about the world, not less. thank you for your time.

—Alexander M. Best, Newport News, VA

Monopoly is not good for our economy and our culture. We must support diversity where it counts in the communication industry.

—Azle Hill Beckner, Bowling Green, KY

We need competition in the media, for better programs & lower rates.

—Jesse Galvan, San Antonio, TX

journalism in Portland/Oregon has already been gutted, please don't allow it to die!

—Kari Franzen, PORTLAND, OR

It's time to stop this. What this is doing is trying to control what people see, hear, and read, and ultimately what they think.

—Jennifer Cleckley, Meridian, MS

Allowing big companies to get even bigger with consolidation is NEVER good for consumers!! It just means that these companies are going to "rake them over the coals" with higher prices (which get passed along to the consumers in the form of higher and higher cable bills each month)!!! We MUST STOP these companies from merging and consolidating, because the customer needs to be made "king" again when it comes to media!!

—Mr. Dean Bodholdt, Storm Lake, IA

We broke up Ma Bell, and this is no different!

—Ellen C Nash, Hoboken, NJ

The FCC should be ashamed of it's record of allowing these mega corporations to create monopolies. I am on a fixed income. I watch 3 channels but am required to pay \$150.00 a month. I plan to cancel cable TV and use Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and BBC for \$18.00 a month, if the FCC doesn't allow the same corporations to force up the price of internet. PROTECT THE PUBLIC!!! DO YOUR JOB!!!

—Sheila Sutton Carter, Everett, WA

Please stop to monopolies and price gouging of cable TV!

—MARGIE Harlan, Santa Barbara, CA

the more viewpoints and perspectives, the better...

—Jaimey Perham, Bridgeport, CT

Not only just a really bad idea to give more consolidation to Gannett, but they are obvious in their law-breaking. You need to be obvious in your decision to block this merger!

—Oliver Manuel, Portland, OR

It's amazing[though not surprising] how the FCC has been transformed from a tool to protect the public welfare's communications concerns into a weapon used against the citizenry.

—John Curotto, Quinebaug, CT

We need massive regulation. This is an industry that has gone crazy and abusive. Comcast is my provider and is terrible.

—Teresa Paris, Berkeley, CA

It is so contrary to our constitution to allow wealthy corporations to dominate feeding only the info they deem a service to their wealth so not to be heard by the citizens of the US.

—isabel Anglin, Aberdeen, SD

Honestly, this is anti market, anti American. Shut this cornering the market down! These services were originally bankrolled by us! This is our infrastructure, not their cash cow. They are literally killing their own business model. To save "capitalism" means standing up to bullies trying to steal it all!

—Nancy Currah, Casper, WY