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108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Communications Commission should not revise its media ownership rules without more extensive review and comment by the public.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HINCHEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
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Whereas the changes to media ownership rules under consideration will affect Newspaper-Broadcast Concentration, National TV Concentration, TV Duopoly Protection, Multiple-Network Concentration, Radio-TV Concentration, and Local Radio Concentration;

Whereas the FCC has held one official hearing on this matter in Richmond, Virginia, on February 27, 2003;

Whereas FCC Chairman Powell has announced that the Commission will vote on a final rule revising media ownership regulations without first allowing for a public review and comment period on any proposed changes;

Whereas changes to these rules will impact every person's access to diverse sources information; and

Whereas access to diverse sources of information is necessary to maintain the informed citizenry needed for a functioning democracy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

3 (1) the FCC should not weaken any current
4 media ownership rules that protect people's access to
5 diverse sources of information;

6 (2) the FCC should examine, and better inform
7 the general public regarding, the consequences of
8 weakening current media ownership rules, in particular
9 the increased level of media consolidation and
10 concentration that will likely occur; and

11 (3) the FCC should allow for extensive public
12 review and comment on any proposed changes to



- 1 current media ownership rules before issuing a final
- 2 rule.

