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## FCC COMMISSIONERS ADELSTEIN AND COPPS CALL FOR PUBLIC AIRING OF MEDIA CONCENTRATION PROPOSALS

### *Seek Additional Time to Examine Public Interest Implications*

Washington – Commissioners Jonathan S. Adelstein and Michael J. Copps have requested that the Commission postpone the announced June 2<sup>nd</sup> consideration of changes to the Commission’s media concentration protections. Under long-standing Commission practices, such requests from Commissioners are traditionally honored.

In addition, Commissioners Adelstein and Copps reiterated a request for a public airing of the proposed rule changes. “We believe a full notice and comment period on the specific proposals is warranted. Sound policymaking, perhaps even the law, requires no less. At a minimum, we believe Commissioner Adelstein’s request for a public airing in an open forum would benefit the overall process. Such a public airing could be held in the very near future which would alleviate any concerns about the timely conclusion of the proceeding.”

“As we have held our own field hearings and attended forums across this country, we have come to understand how important this issue is to our fellow citizens and to our democracy. When the Commission is considering significant changes that could unalterably remake our media landscape for years to come, we believe it is prudent to have a transparent process that ensures we understand the full implications of our decisions. Such an open forum is especially critical for issues of this magnitude when the Notice to the public asked broad, general questions, and did not set forth specific proposed rule changes.”

“A public airing would make for better policies. It would make for better buy-in from the American people. And it would enhance the sustainability of any Commission decision in court. Revealing the outlines of the proposals to the public would allow us to obtain concrete input that would not only help avoid unintended consequences, but would also provide a sounder basis for defending the specific proposals against the inevitable court challenges.”