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FCC COMMISSIONER COPPS CALLS ON FCC TO STAY MEDIA OWNERSHIP DECISION PENDING CONGRESSIONAL DELIBERATION

Washington, DC – In light of the very real possibility that Congress will reverse the Commission’s vote to loosen its media ownership limits, I believe the FCC should defer to today’s Congressional action and stay its decision until the people’s elected representatives complete their deliberations on media concentration.

When the Commission loosened its media ownership constraints on June 2, I remarked that this ill-advised action awakened a sleeping giant – the American people. Now, just 17 days later, and even before the final Commission item is out the door, the people’s representatives on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation have rolled back the Commission’s 3-2 decision. This strong and bipartisan Committee action should flash the orange light of “slow down and prepare to stop” for those media companies rushing to buy, sell or swap stations all across America.

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