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COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN
ISSUES STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S DECISION
TO DENY CERT IN THIRD CIRCUIT MEDIA OWNERSHIP CASE

Washington, DC – FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to deny cert in the case of *Prometheus v. FCC*:

“This decision is a rare victory for the public over some of the most powerful corporations in America. The American public is concerned about concentration in the media, and our court system has rightly responded. The court's decision puts the issue of media consolidation right back in the FCC's hands and gives us an opportunity for a fresh start, so we better get it right this time. We need to be very careful because once we allow greater media concentration, we can't put the toothpaste back in the tube. We can't let a handful of media giants dominate the discourse in any community.

Learning from the backlash against the rules last time, we now need to involve the public and Congress more fully in our deliberations. We need to hold public hearings across the country, and call for more studies from experts and academics. I look forward to working with Chairman Martin and all of my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to fix the rules so they comply with the court order. We need a comprehensive response that recognizes our media ownership rules work together to prevent a single owner from gaining too much control over what the American people see, hear and read.”

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