

**June 19, 2003**

**Resolution Opposing FCC's Relaxation of Media Ownership Rules**

**Whereas** the FCC's 3-2 vote on June 2, 2003 to relax media ownership rules will lead to greater concentration and cross-ownership of large media conglomerates across the country,

**Whereas** increased media concentration inevitably reduces the range of public discourse around contemporary issues of public concern,

**Whereas** the 1996 relaxation of ownership rules for radio have clearly led to a reduction of local outlets and local news,

**Whereas** an informed citizenship depends crucially on access and exposure to a broad spectrum of substantively divergent media sources,

**Whereas** the FCC is an agency of appointed, unelected officials, and the FCC refused to share its research in response to specific Congressional requests,

**Resolved** that the Professional Staff Congress opposes the relaxation of ownership rules adopted by the FCC on June 2,

**Resolved** that the Professional Staff Congress encourages its members to express their support for Congressional action to rescind the recently amended rules.