

Dear Local 336 Members,

The Federal Communications Commission plans to hold a series of hearings on media ownership around the country. The idea of these public hearings is to initiate a public discussion on the effects of media consolidation after the 2003 rule change that made it easier for media conglomerates to control more of the media outlets. The first hearing took place on October 3 in Los Angeles. A few AFM members were able to make it, but others couldn't and have expressed interest in submitting comments to the FCC regarding media ownership issues. The FCC will accept public comments until October 23. You may file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference docket number 06-121 when filing by paper or submit your filing electronically by going to http://gulfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi and enter proceeding number 06-121. Filing instructions are provided at <http://www.fcc.gov/ownership/comments.html>

We urge you to contribute to the discussion on media ownership so the FCC is aware of the fact that media consolidation leads to homogenized playlists and has a negative effect on local artists. Please copy this office with your comment to the FCC.

Thank you very much.