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# H. R. 2462

To invalidate the actions of the Federal Communications Commission in abrogating the media ownership limitations under the Communications Act of 1934.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2003

Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CASE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. OWENS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. WATSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Protect Diversity in  
5       Media Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FCC ACTIONS INVALIDATED.**

2 (a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
3 term “media ownership proceeding” means the Federal  
4 Communications Commission proceeding on broadcast  
5 media ownership rules (MB Docket No. 02–277, MM  
6 Docket No. 01–235, MM Docket No. 01–317, and MM  
7 Docket No. 00–244).

8 (b) NEW RULES INVALIDATED.—The final rules  
9 adopted by the Federal Communications Commission pur-  
10 suant to its media ownership proceeding, and announced  
11 by the Commission on June 2, 2003, shall be invalid and  
12 without legal effect.

13 (c) REINSTATEMENT OF PREVIOUS RULES.—Any  
14 rule of the Federal Communications Commission that was  
15 in effect on June 1, 2003, and that was amended, re-  
16 pealed, or otherwise modified by the Commission pursuant  
17 to the media ownership proceeding is hereby reinstated as  
18 it was in effect on June 1, 2003. Any such rule shall be  
19 applied and enforced both prospectively after the date of  
20 enactment of this Act and retroactively to June 2, 2003,  
21 as if the media ownership proceeding had not occurred.

22 (d) USE OF BIENNIAL REVIEW PROHIBITED.—The  
23 Federal Communications Commission shall not apply sec-  
24 tion 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 or sec-  
25 tion 11(b) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.

- 1 161(b)) to any review of broadcast media ownership rules
- 2 after the date of enactment of this Act.

