

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2003SCHAKOWSKY APPLAUDS SENATE DEFEAT OF FCC MEDIA CONSOLIDATION RULE WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, today applauded Senate action to roll back the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) media consolidation rule. The vote in the Senate was 55-40.**

**"Consumers won a major victory in the Senate today and the House leadership should stand up and take notice," Schakowsky said.**

**She added, "Republicans and Democrats agreed in the Senate that consolidating the media in the hands of a few multinational conglomerates is irresponsible and that diversity and localism in the press are essential to our democracy. House Republicans now have to choose a side: They're either with the public or with the well-connected media moguls."**