



SAVE THE DATE! March 15-16, 1998

**“Public Access To The Media and
Telecommunications Industry:
A Democratic Imperative”**

A Public Hearing on competition and concentration in the media and telecom industries, sponsored by the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and the Citizenship Education Fund. A transcript of the hearings will be provided to the Federal Communications Commission, the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department and the Department of Commerce.

LOCATION: Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Headquarters
930 E. 50th Street
Chicago, Illinois

March 15.... 5pm-9pm

March 16.... 8am-6pm

Look for further details in the mail! For additional information, contact Shawnta Watson at the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Washington Bureau: 202-333-5270

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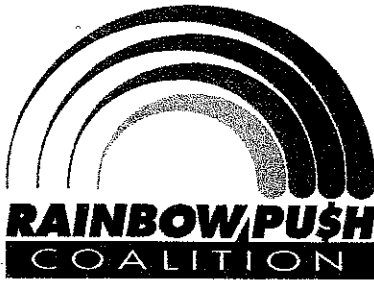
**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON COMPETITION AND CONCENTRATION
IN THE RADIO, TELEVISION AND TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES**

**Sunday, March 15, 1998
and
Monday, March 16, 1998**

**RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
930 E. 50th Street
Chicago, Illinois**

**Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.
Founder/President/CEO
Rainbow/PUSH Coalition**

**Dr. Valerie Johnson
Interim Executive Director
Citizenship Education Fund**



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The ability to communicate is the glue holding society together. Access to the media and telecommunications industries is essential to democracy, economic development, education, culture, public health and civil rights.

Who controls these industries? Does the public have meaningful access to the public airwaves? Will telephone service be available at reasonable rates, and on equal terms to rich and poor alike? Will ownership concentration in these industries force out small and minority owned companies?

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Wall Street Project and the Citizenship Education Fund are convening an unprecedented two days of public hearings on these critical issues. Chaired by Congressman Bobby Rush and other members of Congress, the hearings will include the testimony of regulatory officials, CEO's of large and small companies, scholars, consumers and civil rights advocates.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS

Hon. William Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Hon. Larry Irving, Director, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Dr. George Gerbner, Chair, Cultural Environment Movement
Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Founder, CEO and President, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition

CONFIRMED PANELISTS AND WITNESSES

Thomas Castro, El Dorado Communications; Thomas Hart, Telecom Development Fund; Linda Hinton, Communications Workers of America; Dr. Robert McChesney, University of Wisconsin; Vertis McManus, Spectronics Corporation; Frank O. Mitchell, TMB Communications; Pearl Murphy, African American Media Incubator; Charles Sherrell, WBEE Radio; Maceo Sloan, Sloan Communications; Joseph Stroud, WJYS-TV; Edward D. Young III, Bell Atlantic...additional speakers to be confirmed

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Phone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Registration cost is \$100, which includes receptions and networking sessions.
Hearing and plenary sessions are open to the public without charge.

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

Sunday, March 15

____ 5:00 - 7:00 PM Reception
____ 7:00 - 9:00 PM The State of Minority Participation in the Media and Telecom
Dr. George Gerbner, Chair, Cultural Environment Movement

Monday, March 16

____ 8:00 AM Breakfast
____ 8:30 - 9:30 AM Keynote Address: Hon. William Kennard, Chairman, FCC
____ 9:30 - 11:30 AM Hearing on Media Competition and Concentration
____ Noon - 2:00 PM Luncheon Address: Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.
____ 2:00 - 4:00 PM Hearing on Telecommunications Competition and Concentration
____ 4:00 - 5:00 PM Concluding Address: Hon. Larry Irving, Director, National
Telecommunications and Information Administration
____ 5:00 - 6:00 PM Networking Session

Note:

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