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Greetings from Baltimore!

We just returned from an exciting, energizing trip and we couldn't wait to tell you about it. FSRN Producer Catherine Komp, DC Correspondent Alice Ollstein and California reporter George Lavender met with dozens of other independent journalists, editors, publishers and program directors in Baltimore, Maryland. The annual meeting of The Media Consortium was an incredible opportunity to learn, teach and problem solve with a diverse group of outlets including *The Nation*, *Mother Jones*, *Colorlines*, *Making Contact*, *Democracy Now!* and *Ms. Magazine*. We came away inspired about what we can create for you, our listeners, in the future.



George Lavender and Catherine Komp

At the meeting we thought a lot about the original mission of FSRN: bringing you news that's for the people and by the people. We discussed key issues facing communities big and small, including some FSRN has covered for a long time: fracking, media policy and reproductive rights. We brainstormed how to tell powerful stories that are solutions-oriented, giving communities information they can use to impact change. We came up with lots of ideas for collaborating with other outlets so we can expand our coverage and deepen your understanding of crucial issues.

The tools and platforms shared at The Media Consortium meeting showed us new ways to bring you coverage and put media making in the hands of more and more people. At FSRN, we want to find ways to support and develop that.

Imagine following a protest on the other side of the world in real-time, or livestreaming an important event from your home town, all via FSRN. In the coming months, we hope to start using these new technologies and give you the opportunity to become more involved with FSRN.



FSRN's Alice Ollstein and *In These Times* columnist Ken Rapoza discuss media policy reporting at the TMC meeting in Baltimore.

Coming out of the gathering, the energy was palpable - and still is! But we can't move forward without you. Each weekday, FSRN accomplishes an impressive feat - 30 minutes of news from around the world produced by a tiny staff on a shoestring budget. To keep producing a show we're proud of, and to expand our coverage and experiment with some of these new tools and new collaborations, we need your help. [Please donate whatever you can](#) today.

Thank you, it means a lot.

Catherine, Alice and George

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