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Thank you for allowing me to submit a comment regarding the transfer of control of Tribune Media Company to Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.

I am concerned about this merger because of Sinclair’s reckless disregard for balanced free speech on a public media platform. It requires newscasters to air statements prepared by Sinclair that are in support of one-sided political views. The newscasters may not even be in agreement with these statements but are required to present them in order to maintain their job.

Sinclair has for a lengthy period of time aired many politically conservative agenda pieces that were not necessarily reflecting the truth and honesty of certain political candidates. This was especially evident in the 2016 presidential election.

Sinclair (or a single company) should not be able to control 75% of the television stations in certain regions or cities of the United States. This seems to be contrary to the idea of Americans having ibasic access to free speech. I feel that these stations will target those consumers whose television is their primary source of information.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We sincerely hope that this merger will not be approved by the FCC.

Regards,

Monty and Barbara Dehnert