I am filing this document with the FCC to voice MY OPPOSITION to a merger between Sinclair Broadcast Group and Tribune Media. My demand is to cancel the Sinclair-Tribune merger.

Local communities deserve locally produced media that meets their needs – not biased reporting from Sinclair which requires all of its affiliates to air news stories based on their opinions and very obvious political persuasions. Owning enough local television stations which reach 70% of American households presents a monopoly by Sinclair. Member stations aren’t just required to broadcast the insights of the parent company’s chief political analyst, [former Trump spokesman Boris Epshteyn](http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2017/07/sinclair-orders-stations-to-air-more-pro-trump-commentary.html); or analysis from conservative pundit Mark Hyman; or updates from the “[Terrorism Alert Desk](http://www.newscaststudio.com/2015/11/19/sinclair-creates-terrorism-alert-desk/)” (sensationalized coverage of recent terror attacks from around the world) — they also [force their anchors to deliver Trumpian denunciations](http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2018/03/local-news-anchors-now-have-to-read-pro-trump-propaganda.html) of the “false news” that “national media outlets are publishing.”

Ajit Pai has dismantled regulatory obstacles to media consolidation, which paves the way for this monopoly.  FCC Chairman Ajit Pai should be under investigation for improperly assisting Sinclair by rolling back limits on media ownership through various rule changes that directly benefit a White House favored broadcaster.

I oppose the Sinclair/Tribune Media merger. I support investigation of Ajit Pai for improperly assisting Sinclair by rolling back limits on media ownership.

Signed,

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