As a viewer of local TV, I am incensed that my local station’s distant owner can direct the news department to make statements on national political issues. The practice is deceitful, and will only increase if Sinclair Broadcasting is allowed to buy more stations.

I urge the FCC to disapprove Sinclair’s proposed purchase of additional TV stations. Its practices show that the policy in the current limitation on ownership is well founded.

I further recommend that the FCC require that a station prominently display a notification to viewers when a reporter is not the original creator of the content. This includes both owner directed statements, and advertising/marketing material masquerading as a news report.