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Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, MB Docket No. 17-179, *Applications of Tribune Media Company and Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 4, 2018, Barry Faber, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (“Sinclair”), and David Gibber, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Sinclair, and Miles Mason, Esq. of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, counsel to Sinclair, along with Edward Lazarus, EVP and General Counsel of Tribune (“Tribune”) and Mace Rosenstein, Esq. of Covington & Burling LLP, counsel to Tribune, met with FCC staff copied below, to discuss Sinclair’s divestiture plan in connection with the proposed Tribune acquisition.

Sinclair and Tribune gave staff an update on the status of the parties’ review with the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division (“DOJ”). Sinclair outlined its planned divestitures as a result of the communications with the DOJ, as well as divestitures to come into compliance with both the national cap and local ownership rules.

Sinclair and Tribune informed staff that Sinclair was in negotiations with several parties with respect to the divestitures and that they were working to finalize matters with the DOJ and to be in a position to file amended applications as well as divestiture applications as soon as such negotiations are complete and approval is received from the DOJ.

Sincerely,

/s/ Miles S. Mason

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