Sinclair Broadcast and Tribune Media Merger

I am vehemently against this merger. Sinclair owns the largest number of TV stations in the US. As if this weren’t enough of an Anti-Trust violation to raise strong objections, this company has a reprehensible practice of requiring their stations to air extremist right-wing and pro-Trump propaganda. These “must air” segments are an infringement of free speech and journalistic balance.

Further, Sinclair’s close ties to the Trump White House impede any chance of unbiased reporting and are a flagrant conflict of interest. Their current practice of giving preferential treatment to this Administration will only be exacerbated under this proposed merger.

Allowing this merger with Tribune will put “Trump TV” in 75% of American households, effectively becoming “state TV” and promoting the fake news, alternative facts, fear-mongering, race baiting politics of this administration and their white supremacist supporters.

The FCC cannot in good conscience allow this merger to go through. It must act to protect the American people’s constitutionally protected right to a free press. Do the right thing and Vote NO!