I oppose the acquisition by Sinclair Broadcasting of Tribune Media TV stations.

Please stop the acquisition of additional television stations by Sinclair Broadcasting Group.

The acquisition would further consolidate control of the airwaves under one corporation.

* The merger has been made possible by very recent rule changes at the FCC on party-line votes. Many members of Congress have criticized the votes and discussions.
* Even without the merger, Sinclair Broadcast Group already is the largest owner of television stations in the United States.
* It currently controls a total of 173 stations across the country in nearly 80 markets, ranging from markets as large as Washington, D.C. to as small as Steubenville, Ohio.
* The Sinclair group is well known for requiring that editorials, news stories and opinion pieces created at its corporate headquarters is broadcast in local markets by all its stations.
* Senators Cantwell and Udall, and others, have already called upon the inspector general of the FCC to open an investigation into the objectivity and impartiality of the FCC’s review of the proposed merger of Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media.

If the merger were approved, Sinclair would add 60 TV stations to its control bringing that total to 223 stations, serving 108 markets (including 39 of the top 50) and reaching 72% of U.S. households.

This control of television stations by one corporation, which limits the voices heard by the public, is wrong. It harms our democracy and the marketplace of ideas.