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Re: Proposed Sinclair and Tribune Media Merger

MB Docket 17-179

- Chairman Ajit Pai
- Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
- Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
- Commissioner Brendan Carr
- Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

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Dear Commissioners,

We the undersigned members of Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in Portland, Oregon, oppose the proposed merger of Sinclair Broadcasting and The Tribune Corporation. Central to our faith are the principles of fairness, inclusivity, and truth, all of which are fundamental to the democratic process.

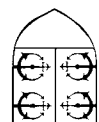
We believe this merger would pose a serious threat to our democracy and to the institution of the free press. If this merger goes through, a single company would own more than 200 local TV stations reaching over 70% of the households in the United States. This is of particular concern since Sinclair, which already owns 177 stations, has a history of evading FCC rules, has been fined by the FCC for airing propaganda, and has drawn wide criticism for broadcasting politically slanted content on its stations, including stories that are racist, anti-immigrant, and homophobic. Such an approach offends and violates the basic values and principles of this congregation.

It is up to the FCC to block this merger and restore policies that encourage a diversity of local media owners and a wide range of viewpoints.

Sincerely,

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