

Date: July 12, 2018

To: Federal Communications Commission

Re: Proceeding #17-179, Proposed merger of Sinclair Broadcasting with Tribune Media

Dear Ma'am or Sir,

I am writing you today to inform you that as a citizen of the United States of America, I am outraged to see our Federal Government allowing such business dealings to occur. We depend on a free press to inform us of issues that concern the well-being of us all.

Such a merger would do even further damage to our country, putting over 70% of all media outlets under the control of a single huge corporation. Sinclair Broadcasting is clearly in the business of advancing messages being promoted by a very small, wealthy and powerful collection of individuals and entities. My wife Julie and I both hold the very strong belief that these developments if allowed to continue will result in terrible consequences for our country. Sinclair Broadcasting issues a politically biased, narrow set of views to communities, leaving people with a radically slanted view of their surroundings.

Today we are witnessing the undermining of so many Federal institutions that we depend upon to prosper and stay secure. In a world where hostile foreign powers pour tremendous effort into damaging our nation, we cannot as citizens allow ourselves to be cut off from learning about the facts regarding the world around us.

Please be assured that if this merger is allowed to go forward, I will double down on my efforts to push back against these corrupt practices, in the interest of protecting my community and our great nation.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Carleton