

RE: FCC/Sinclair - Tribune Merger -  
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I am writing to OPPOSE the Sinclair -  
Tribune merger for the following reasons/

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Points:

1. It is anti-competitive
2. FCC should deny approval until the  
DC Circuit Court of Appeals issues a decision  
about the obsolete WHF discount.
3. Did Pai favor Sinclair with respect  
to deregulatory changes in the FCC's rules  
and the merger.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose this merger as anti-competitive and inconsistent with the public interest.

The FCC should certainly not act until the Inspector General's investigation re. the conduct of FCC chairman Pai is completed and finds that he has not acted to illegally favor Sinclair with respect to deregulatory changes in the FCC's rules and the merger.

This merger represents a disregard for the standards established by the FCC!

Re: Docket # 17-179

May 25, 2018

FCC/Sinclair-Tribune Merger

is an advocate of fair and balanced news broadcasts, I oppose the merger of Sinclair and Tribune and urge the FCC to deny approval for it. At the very least, the FCC should not act on it until the DC Circuit Court of Appeals issues its decision.

In addition, the FCC should not issue their decision until after the Inspector General's investigation of FCC Chairman Pai is completed to ensure he did not act illegally to favor Sinclair.

— Margaret Griest-Henrich

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## FCC Sinclair-Tribune Merger

I oppose the merger because it is inconsistent with public interest factors, including localism, diversity, and competition. The merger would expand Sinclair's network of media outlets that are already requiring local news stations to recite pre-scripted statements that are tantamount to political propaganda. FCC should not act on the merger until the DC Circuit Court of Appeals issues its decision regarding the obsolete UHF Discount and until the Inspector General's investigation into the conduct of Chairman Pai is completed. It must be proven that he has not acted illegally in favoring Sinclair with respect to deregulatory changes at FCC.

Joseph A. Ginepro

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FCC Mailroom

Federal Communications Commission

Forcing journalists to spread suspicion about other journalists is not normal.

Sinclair has a long history of force-feeding local stations "must-run" conservative segments from its national headquarters. The company's disturbing track record includes:

- Striking a sweetheart deal with the Trump campaign, with Jared Kushner claiming that they gave Sinclair access in return for less-critical coverage.
- Requiring local news anchors to announce their support for President George W. Bush's war on terrorism following the September 11 attacks.
- Sending a crew to Iraq in 2004 to find more "positive" Iraq War stories to report.
- Airing a 2008 special criticizing then-Sen. Barack Obama.

The proposed mega-merger that would leave Sinclair with an incredible 223 stations covering 72 percent of U.S. households. No one media company should have that much power.

**Block Sinclair Broadcast Group's proposed purchase of Tribune Media,** which would create 'the largest TV broadcast company in the nation' and result in unacceptable levels of media concentration.

Sincerely,

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