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As a United States citizen, and as a user of our public media, I oppose the Sinclair-Tribune merger. It would allow one company control over too many media outlets for too many of us in the audience.

I appreciate the value of the FCC’s longstanding rule that limits national TV ownership to stations reaching no more than 39% of all U.S. TV households. This rule, as <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/fccs-review-broadcast-ownership-rules> says, fosters ownership diversity. Using the UHF discount to circumvent this rule and allow the merger is clearly inappropriate, especially since the discount itself has been technically meaningless since the advent of digital signaling.

I also appreciate the value of local news reporting and programming, which I currently enjoy through Tribune Media’s WGN in Chicago. Turning this local station over to a nationally controlled network would undermine its distinctive value. It’s also worth noting that WGN has never used a UHF signal.

Please deny this merger.

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