"I request that the FCC NOT approve Sinclair Broadcasting's purchase of Tribune Media Company and its 42 local TV stations.

Such an accumulation of media power would represent an assault on the free press, which has already been weakened by technology, and, even more, by the systematic destruction of crucial regulations beginning in 1981.

The dissolution of the cross-ownership rule and the Fairness Doctrine have devastated the diversity of opinion in our working democracy. Together, their loss has created inequalities in representation. The gold standard has been rewritten: Whoever has the gold makes the rules.

A free press and diversity in broadcasting are fundamental to our freedom of speech and a cornerstone of our democracy. Sinclair's stated business goals and track record of demonstrably fake news are in direct conflict with these principles.

Please uphold our freedoms and deny the Sinclair’s purchases!"

If this deal goes through, Sinclair Broadcasting will own more than 70% of local news stations. As the longer service Speaker of the House Majority Representative, Tip O’Neill, was fond of saying: “All politics is local.”

Control local politics and you control the nation.

The Fairness Doctrine is gone. The cross-ownership rule has stifled thought. Please spare the UHF-discount, which allows media companies like Sinclair to exceed restrictions on the number of broadcast stations they can own.

Sinclair’s record on free speech is a disgrace to its already captive audience. It pushes one-sided

"must-run" political commentary. It has proven itself to be as “Fair and Balanced” as the one-side reporting of FOX news, a zombie TV network brought on by the end of the cross-ownership rule. Sinclair abuses it's position and distorts the marketplace of ideas.

The FCC cannot allow it to amplify its voice even further.