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Subject: Sinclair Tribune merger

My name is Pamela Cox. I believe the Sinclair Tribune merger will not result in equitable reporting of local news in areas under the control of Sinclair. My research has revealed that Sinclair requires stations to consistently air specific reports and editorials which have a very conservative slant. When a company requires its employees to read editorials in support of a specific president and specific agendas, they have crossed the line in fair reporting.

Almost all of Sinclair's campaign contributions have gone to the Republican Party. Additionally, its lobbying for loosened rules regarding media ownership support the argument that fair and equitable treatment of news is not a primary goal of this company. Personnel with close ties to Trump also practically guarantee this company is going to politicize news coverage in a skewed manner.

I view this merger as nothing less than an attempt to take over the airwaves for one particular perspective--a highly conservative one. Its segments in the past, such as anti-Muslim rhetoric, would be considered reprehensible by most people.

Coverage of news should reflect the needs and wants of the local communities. It has no business being a propaganda machine for conservatives trying to push their agendas. This is America, not Russia.

Sincerely

Pamela Cox

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