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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Mr Brown and Mr. Roberts,
I am adamantly opposed to the proposed transfer of Tribune's full-power broadcast television stations, low-power television stations, and TV translator stations to Sinclair.

This transfer would undermine diversity, competition and local control in broadcast media. It also gives an increasingly prominent conservative voice in broadcast television — Sinclair has become known for its right-leaning commentary — an unparalleled national platform, as television remains the preferred source for most Americans of news media.

Sinclair owns/operates 173 TV stations, 528 channels in 81 markets, including CNY Central locally. Tribune owns/operates 42 stations in 33 markets and both have affiliates in all major markets. Sinclair is a right-wing conservative media conglomerate and they provide each station with "MUST SHOW" segments extolling the Trump agenda. Often they provide scripts for local TV anchors to read the same script in every market without identifying the words as scripted by Sinclair. With this merger they will control a large majority of the US markets.

This proposed merger is ethically irresponsible and would do irreparable harm to the provision of fair, unbiased news through local media sources. No merger between Sinclair and Tribune!

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