

The acquisition of Tribune Media Group by Sinclair Media should be denied because excessive media consolidation threatens American access to fair and accurate news and information. Sinclair has an explicit partisan agenda and is a propaganda machine, not a news service. This merger would increase the number of local television stations that Sinclair owns from 173 to 215. 42 additional stations would mean that Sinclair Media Broadcasting controls 3/4 of all local news in the United States. For 20 million lower income households in the United States, this is their main access to news. This degree of media consolidation is not permitted under FCC regulations. Donald Trump appointed FCC chairman, Ajit Pai, and they are both beholden to major financial donor, Sinclair CEO David Smith, but I hope that the FCC will stand up and do what's right so that Americans receive fair and accurate reporting.