

September 10, 2019

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications of Tribune Media Company and Nexstar Media Group, Inc. For Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses, MB Docket No. 19-30

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 6, Yosef Getachew of Common Cause met with Michael Scurato, Acting Legal Advisor for Media and Consumer Protection, with regard to the above-captioned proceeding.

I reiterated concerns raised in the petition to deny filed by Common Cause *et. al.* that the proposed merger between Tribune Media Company (“Tribune”) and Nexstar Media Group (“Nexstar”) (collectively, the “Applicants”) poses significant public interest harms.¹ As explained in the petition, the transaction would bring about significant public interest harms to broadcast localism and competition in the marketplace while giving Nexstar increased bargaining power in retransmission consent negotiations.² These harms run contrary to the Commission’s goals of promoting localism, diversity, and competition.

For these reasons, the Commission should deny the Applicants’ proposed transaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Michael Scurato

¹ See Petition to Deny of Common Cause, Public Knowledge, United Church of Christ, OC Inc., and Sports Fans Coalition, MB Docket No. 19-30, at 3-11 (filed March 18, 2019).

² See *id.*