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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **MB Docket No. 17-179**; Transfer of Control of Tribune Media Company to Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.

Dear Commissioners:

The proposed merger of the Tribune Media Company and the Sinclair Broadcast Group must be rejected. If this deal goes through, a single company would own more than 200 local-TV stations reaching more than 70 percent of the country. That’s far beyond the legal limits on media ownership and far too much power in the hands of a single company. Sinclair has evaded FCC rules, received FCC fines for airing propaganda, and drawn wide criticism for airing politically slanted content on its stations. The FCC should block this merger and restore policies that encourage a diversity of local media owners and a wide range of viewpoints.

A Tribune-Sinclair merger, with its excessive concentration of media ownership, would in no way benefit the American public. Moreover, no conditions on transfer would be sufficient to prevent the harm that would result from such a merger. Accordingly, the proposed transfer of control of Tribune to Sinclair should be denied in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Norman R. Werth