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

Re: Applications of Tribune Media Company and Sinclair Broadcast Group
for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, MB
Docket No. 17179

Dear Madam Secretary:

On Monday, November 20, 2017, my client Herndon-Reston Indivisible ("HRI") and I met with David Glassman in Commissioner Clyburn's office, to discussing matters in the above-captioned docket.

Discussed at the meeting were the applications filed by Sinclair Broadcast Group and Tribune Media Corp. for Commission consent to merger of their companies and acquisition by the merged entity of Tribune's television stations. HRI urged the FCC to deny the applications or defer action on them indefinitely. HRI argued that the proposed merger is anti-competitive, unprecedented and will have a significant, adverse effect on the diversity and local focus of broadcast owners and voices. HRI disputed Sinclair's position that local news is no longer relied upon by large segments of the American television audience, including seniors, Hispanics, those residing in rural areas, and the economically disadvantaged, as well as the millions of Americans who cannot afford or gain availability to or do not choose to have access to the Internet and/or cable. HRI cited the centralized, "must run" model of Sinclair's programming and news as a particular concern, as well as the pattern of news distortion and lack of integrity of Sinclair's disclosures regarding its family connections and "sidecar" arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,
Herndon-Reston Indivisible

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