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Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: OPPOSE: Sinclair/Tribune Merger

Dear Commissioner Rosenworcel:

Today we take pen in hand to urge you to oppose the Sinclair Media Tribune Corporation merger.

The de-regulation of licensing for TV and radio stations in the 1980's was clearly a mistake, and needs to be reversed. That de-regulation period weakened the requirements for news and information as a public service, and made it possible for big media conglomerates to control vast swathes of the public airwaves. These media conglomerates have become more monopolistic in ownership, as well as message. With the rise of fringe media, this is doubly scary that people like Sinclair Media could someday control much of our local news at all levels. We DO NOT want unilateral, messaged, state-run media.

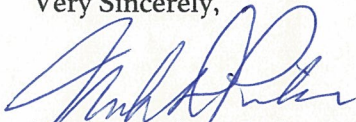
Instead of allowing the merger, I will go further: I am requesting is anti-monopoly legislation be re-introduced to block any further action by the FCC to allow these mega-buyouts of TV News stations across the country. It will hurt the viability of some of the poorer stations to produce daily news, but I see no other choice, now that the very airwaves have been weaponized to spill propaganda into our very living rooms. Yes, we can turn it off, but how long until that's no longer possible?

As Marshall McLuhan once said: *"The world has become a computer, an electronic brain, exactly as an infantile piece of science fiction. And as our senses have gone outside, Big Brother goes inside...we shall at once move into a phase of panic terrors."* It's all too familiar to me that this is what has happened, and that we have been Tweeted into a worse world if the human consequences are counted, and limits are not set.

I request that you continue to rethink the way radio and TV stations are regulated to keep their licenses, and that we must return to a regulatory era that kept the excesses of business ownership in check.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Airwave Monopoly goes hand-in-glove with Net Neutrality, Privacy, and free speech. Hold corporations accountable.

Very Sincerely,



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