

I am opposed to the repeal of laws forbidding a media company from owning both a television station and a newspaper in the same geographic area.

I have been repeatedly struck by the sad grandparented exception in my own home of Los Angeles. I am grateful that in Los Angeles I have multiple sources of news, yet even these additional sources are not sufficient in my mind to allow Tribune Co. to own both a paper and a TV station.

Because dual ownership was the case when the law was passed, Tribune continues to hold both news outlets. In other markets, where the variety of news sources is already far more limited than in Los Angeles, it would be an especially bad decision to allow one editorial perspective to be presented from multiple sources. It would limit the possibility of truly informed dialog, which is the foundation of democracy.

Please do nothing to repeal these laws, and indeed, I would like to see the strengthening of laws which would end the concentration of media outlets into fewer and fewer hands.

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