

I think that it's fascinating that you at the FCC choose to attack wildly popular broadcasters such as Howard Stern, going back years to dig up violations when he does not agree with the Bush Administration, but do nothing to uphold your rules of fairness and equal time in the media with Sinclair Broadcasting when the Bush Admin. is being aided.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.... especially here in Columbus where Sinclair owns TWO stations.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.