

I have recently learned that Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry smear ad disguised as news shortly before the election. This is outrageous, and I call upon you to stop it.

Sinclair gets to use the public airwaves for free, and they are obligated -- by law -- to serve the *public interest.* IMO, this plan is blatantly illegal and blatantly against the public interest unless they also plan to give equal air time to a pro-Kerry program.

IMO, this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

When a few big companies control the airwaves, we get more of what those few corporations consider in *their* best interests, and a lot less openness to opinions -- and *facts* -- that don't serve their rather limited goals of making lots of money and then making more money.

It's time for the FCC to step in and hold Sinclair accountable for their obligation to serve the public rather than their own interests exclusively.

Thank you.