I am writing about Sinclair Broadcasting forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry 'documentary' days before the election. This case clearly demonstrates the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However as a large company which controls the airwaves, they air programs which will bring them more profit or advance their own interests.
This 'documentary' with its inaccuracies and lack of balance, does not serve the public interest, but rather the interests of the company--and local people have no other source of information. Media outlets need to provide space for local issues and debate which responds to local concerns, not the programs which benefit a parent corporation far away.

Sinclair's actions show we must strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and that renewing a license must involve real investigation into whether a station is serving the public interest. Thank you for your time.