

I strongly agree with the formatted letter written below. Our democratic media is starting to look more like the propaganda in Communist Russia or North Korea. With fewer restrictions on these companies they are not serving the public, democracy and usually no one besides a few close interests. I do not think that such companies deserve another license. We need more people generating local media else our democracy will suffer worse than it already is.

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.

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.