

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 and the abuses that can and will result.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law and their agreement in getting their license to serve the public interest. When a licensee chooses to put their own partisan interests above the public's right to objective reporting, they violate the most sacred of their obligations.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, that the FCC must remain vigilant in insuring that organizations so willing to put their own interests above those of the public be denied the ability to control such a critical communication medium.
Thank you.