

I have learned that Sinclair is forcing its affiliates to air a biased and outrageous attack on Senator Kerry.

Sinclair has used heavy-handed tactics to censor our access to fair and balanced media. Now Sinclair plans to use its monopoly to force feed us its political views. I am disgusted that Sinclair is misusing its affiliates in this manner.

If Sinclair wishes to air this program then it should be forced to show Fahrenheit 911 or to air a pro-Kerry documentary. The fact is this is a campaign contribution. If Sinclair wants to sell this time to the Bush campaign then i support that but to unilaterally decide to donate this time is a violation of election laws and a misuse of a monopoly.

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.

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.