

I live in a medium-sized town, and I do not subscribe to cable or satellite TV. I am limited to broadcast television, and those choices are limited by the size of my community. The only way for me to see NBC is to watch a Sinclair Broadcasting station. I've been angry at them for some time for daily airings of extreme right-wing commentaries by Sinclair's Mark Hyman. While I respect Hyman's right to be wrong (as he virtually always is), it angers me that the station abuse the public airwaves with only one side of complex issues—they NEVER present left-wing perspectives.

Now their airing of the political commercial "Stolen Honor" they have gone too far. I urge you to take action against their abuse of the public airwaves.

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.

Sincerely,

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