

I feel that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary and not give Kerry fair time days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and are 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. This is an important issue because it would be like big media putting out whatever message they want and thereby picking a president. Is just the same as if government controlled the media. Thank you.