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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Martin:

We are writing with regard to applications filed by the Tribune Company on May 1, 2007 requesting temporary waivers from the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) cross-media ownership rules. We understand that this letter is a permitted communication pursuant to the Public Notice released on May 10, 2007 announcing permit-but-disclose ex parte status for transfer of control applications filed by the Tribune Company.

On April 2, 2007, the Tribune Company announced that it intends to become a privately held company, institute an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) and install Sam Zell to serve as Chairman of the Board. In light of this announcement and given the fact that the FCC is in the midst of a potentially lengthy rulemaking process on the issue of cross-media ownership, we encourage the Federal Communications Commission to act on these applications expeditiously and to avoid administrative delay.

We believe that prompt consideration of the merits of the Tribune Company's applications is in the public interest and would be very grateful if you would give this matter your personal attention and act upon these applications in a timely fashion.

Thank you very much for your time. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,



Richard Durbin
U.S. Senator

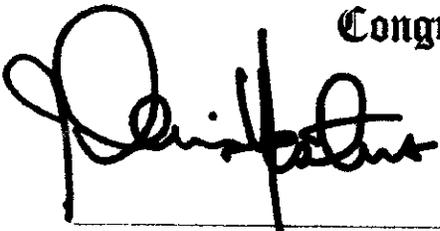


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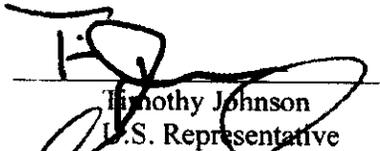
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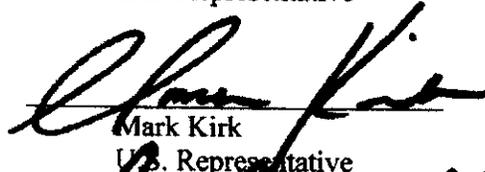
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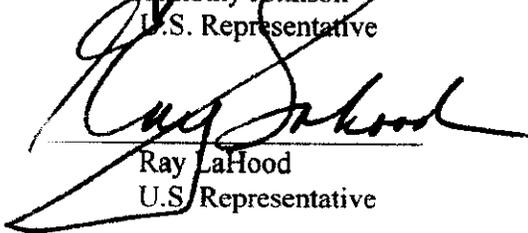
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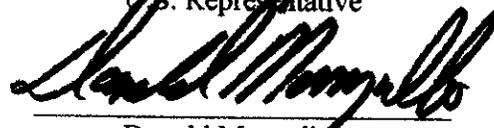
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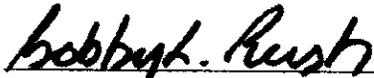
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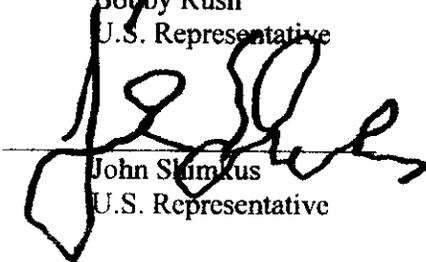
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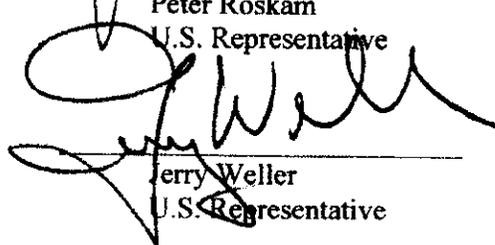
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