

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 15, 2007

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

Dear Chairman Martin:

We are writing with regard to transfer of control applications filed by the Tribune Company on May 1, 2007. 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. We also recognize that the decision on the merits of the Tribune Company's applications rests solely with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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.

We believe that the prompt consideration of the Tribune Company's applications is in the public interest. We 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 J. Durbin
United States Senator



Harry Reid
United States Senator



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

