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## Re: Tribune Company Cross-Ownership Rule Waiver Request

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**Congress wants the FCC to get moving on Tribune's waivers.** Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) plus 13 of the state's 19 House members are asking the FCC not to stall on Tribune's request for waivers of their cross-ownership rules. In a letter to Kevin Martin they ask for a decision "in a timely fashion" – but they don't say which way the FCC should go. Earlier this month Tribune asked the FCC to keep those cross-ownership waivers while "the commission endeavors to fulfill its decade-long commitment to revise the rule to be consistent with today's marketplace." That waiver is critical for WGN Radio – since Tribune owns both a newspaper and a TV station in Chicago.

Greetings from Findlay, Ohio! I read with great interest Sam Zell's hope that the Commission will permit the grandfathered status currently enjoyed by Tribune Company.

I recall in recent visits, to each of your offices, while there was an 'open ear' to my request, the Chairman's office made clear that granting a wavier request in the midst of the Rule Making would be problematic.

Clearly upon hearing this, I was not as aggressive with the possible acquisition of the Clear Channel stations in my market because of the likelihood it was an uphill possibility...at best.

Respectfully, the rules are very clear: you cannot enjoy the previously grandfathered status unless certain criteria are met, which is not the case with Mr. Zell.

As we agreed, when the Newspaper-Broadcast Cross-Ownership ban goes away, we'll all be able to play fairly.

Respectfully,

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