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The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
United States Senate  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Kerry:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's 2010 Quadrennial Review of its media ownership rules and policies. Specifically, you request that the Commission examine the effect that media consolidation may have on program diversity and consumer choice.

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I look forward to working with you and other Members of Congress as the Commission reviews its broadcast media ownership rules and policies. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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