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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
503 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill:

Thank you for your letter regarding concerns you have about the FCC's recent action on local television ownership rules and Sinclair Broadcast Group's proposed acquisition of Tribune Media as these actions relate to the St. Louis television market. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the merger proceeding.

Regarding your specific concern about enforcing the prohibition on a broadcaster owning more than one top four television station in a market, consistent with our rules, the Commission will evaluate all of the facts in the record to determine whether this proposed transaction is in the public interest. While I am unable to discuss the merits of this particular proceeding, I can assure you that the Commission is conducting an open and transparent process as required by FCC rules and regulations and that our decision will be based on a careful analysis of the robust record that has been developed.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ajit V. Pai".

Ajit V. Pai