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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL ON SINCLAIR/TRIBUNE TRANSACTION**

WASHINGTON, July 16, 2018:

“Today’s announcement is welcome.  As I have noted before, too many of this agency’s media policies have been custom built to support the business plans of Sinclair Broadcasting.  With this hearing designation order, the agency will finally take a hard look at its proposed merger with Tribune. This is overdue and favoritism like this needs to end.

I have voted to approve.”

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