



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

April 24, 2018

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

Thank you for your letter regarding the recent amendment filed to Sinclair Broadcast Group's proposal to acquire Tribune Media. You ask in your letter that the proposed merger be given careful consideration.

I can assure you that the Commission staff is thoroughly reviewing the current record, including the amendments to which you refer. Specifically, the Bureau staff will review the transaction, including all recent filings, to ensure that it complies with all applicable laws. The Commission's informal 180-day shot clock has been paused since January 4, 2018, as we ascertain whether we have adequate information upon which to base a decision on the proposed transfer of control.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Your views are very important and will be entered into the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai".

Ajit V. Pai