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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Renewal numbers:
KHNL: BRCDT - 20141001CEM
KGMB: BRCDT - 20141001CDU
KFVE: BRCDT - 20140930AFX

Dear Secretary Dortch:

My members are merchant marines and spent about halve their lives at sea away from home. When coming into port most look forward to getting the news. We don't get any cable T.V. on board our vessels but we do receive broadcasted public T.V. from the ships T.V. antenna. It is important that our members receive timely and pertinent information about public issues.

We are writing in opposition to the license renewals for the above referenced stations: KHNL, KGMB and KFVE. Monopoly media has stunted the flow of information. One newsroom, Raycom Media's Hawaii News Now produces identical news for all three stations.

In 2009 Raycom Media took over the three television stations. They are the outright owners of KHNL (NBC affiliate), KGMB (CBS affiliate) and KFVE, an independent station. Since then our community has suffered in that there is less coverage of local stories, loss of diversity of opinion, reduction of enterprise reporting and a general homogenization of information and lack of competition.

Diversity and competition are vital for our community; therefore we ASK that you DENY the license renewals for KHNL, KGMB, and KFVE. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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