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

Re: Renewal numbers:

KHNL: BRCDT - 20141001CEM KGMB: BRCDT - 20141001CDU KFVE: BRCDT - 20140930AFX

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is comprised of 76 local affiliate unions and councils with 90,000 plus members in the State whose parent international unions are affiliated at the national level with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). We are one of 51 state federations operating under a charter granted by the AFL-CIO. 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 and 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.

Randy Perreira

President