



August 15, 2014

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
The Honorable Anna Eshoo  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your question for the record submitted in connection with my June 11, 2014 testimony before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology at the hearing entitled "Media Ownership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

**You have asked whether our analysis indicated that broadcast consolidation in any way leads to more local news and coverage as well as higher quality of programming.** In response to this question, our analysis did not indicate that broadcast consolidation lead to more (or less) news and coverage, or to higher-quality (or lower-quality) programming. However, these were not issues that we attempted to address in our research.

Thank you for the opportunity to answer this question. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any additional assistance to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

David Bank