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Mr. Bernard Lunzer
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Dear Mr. Lunzer:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on June 11, 2014, to testify at the hearing entitled "Media Ownership in the 21st Century."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Friday, August 15, 2014. Your responses should be mailed to Charlotte Savercool, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Charlotte.Savercool@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachment

Attachment —Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Greg Walden

1. Your testimony indicated that common ownership of the Youngstown Vindicator newspaper and two television stations has resulted in fewer newsroom jobs and less news in the market. Ms. Eshoo and I have received a letter from the general managers of the newspaper and television station that indicates the contrary. Would you like to add to and clarify your testimony on this point?

The Honorable Anna Eshoo

1. In your testimony, you stated that JSA's and SSA's have substantially reduced original news coverage in cities across the country including Youngstown, Ohio and Honolulu, Hawaii. These anecdotal examples coupled with the fact that 25 percent of the nation's 952 local news stations do not produce their newscasts themselves point to a real problem. What more can the FCC do to incent broadcasters to invest in local news and investigative journalism?