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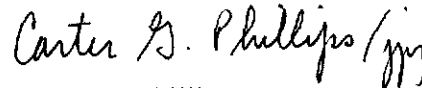
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Marcia Waldron, Clerk  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Third Circuit  
21400 United States Courthouse  
601 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1790

Dear Ms. Waldron:

Pursuant to the Court's order dated January 27, 2004, Tribune Company and Media General Inc. submit this letter brief addressing the impact of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, H.R. 2673, 108<sup>th</sup> Cong. § 629 (2004) (the "Act"). The Act has no effect on any of the issues relating to cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations. Indeed, in passing the Act, Congress *retained* without any change the statutory command that the FCC must repeal such rules if they are no longer necessary in the public interest. The retention of this language underscores Congress's understanding that increasing competition in the media industry continues to require an especially stringent reassessment of any need for cross-ownership restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,



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