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Dear Chair Carr and Assistant Attorney General Slater,

We write to urge you to closely scrutinize Nexstar Media Group, Inc's ("Nexstar") proposed acquisition of Tegna Inc. ("Tegna") and to block this deal if you determine that it violates federal telecommunications or antitrust laws.

Nexstar is the largest owner of local broadcast television stations in the United States.¹ In August, Nexstar announced its intention to purchase competitor Tegna in a \$6.2 billion deal.² The company's proposed acquisition of Tegna is presumptively illegal because it would allow Nexstar to exceed national caps on station ownership, creating a media giant that would far outstrip its competitors, reaching 80% of U.S. TV households.³ Regulatory approval of the conglomerate would likely raise prices for consumers, accelerate job losses, and weaken the independence and news coverage of local TV stations.⁴

On August 19, 2025, Nexstar announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Tegna, subject to regulatory approval.⁵ One month later, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Carr, following criticism of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, said that companies airing Kimmel's show "can find ways to take action on Kimmel, or there is going to be additional work

¹ Forbes, "Nexstar And Tegna Announce Merger Plan: What To Look For Next," Howard Homonoff, August 20, 2025, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/howardhomonoff/2025/08/20/nexstar-and-tegna-announce--merger-plan-what-to-look-for-next/>.

² Nexstar, "Nexstar Media Group, Inc. Enters into Definitive Agreement To Acquire TEGNA Inc. for \$6.2 Billion in Accretive Transaction," August 19, 2025, <https://www.nexstar.tv/nexstar-media-group-inc-enters-into-definitive-agreement-to-acquire-tegna-inc-for-6-2-billion-in-accretive-transaction/>.

³ CNBC, "Nexstar to buy smaller rival Tegna for \$3.54 billion in big local-TV deal," August 19, 2025, <https://www.cnbc.com/2025/08/19/tv-broadcaster-nexstar-to-acquire-rival-tegna-for-3point54-billion.html>; Hollywood Reporter, "Fox, CBS May Want In on Local TV Station Buying Spree," Alex Weprin, September 2, 2025, <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/business-news/fox-cbs-nexstar-local-tv-buying-1236358490/>.

⁴ Poynter, "Nexstar's takeover of Tegna would require an overhaul of FCC ownership rules," Al Tompkins, August 19, 2025, <https://www.poynter.org/business-work/2025/nexstar-tegna-fcc-ownership-rules-media-consolidation/>; Deadline, "Nexstar To Acquire Tegna For \$6.2B In Local TV Megadeal Fueled By Donald Trump Deregulation," Dade Hayes, August 19, 2025, <https://deadline.com/2025/08/nexstar-acquires-tegna-local-tv-merger-donald-trump-1236491712/>.

⁵ Nexstar, "Nexstar Media Group, Inc. Enters into Definitive Agreement To Acquire TEGNA Inc. for \$6.2 Billion in Accretive Transaction," August 19, 2025, <https://www.nexstar.tv/nexstar-media-group-inc-enters-into-definitive-agreement-to-acquire-tegna-inc-for-6-2-billion-in-accretive-transaction/>.

for the FCC ahead.”⁶ Chairman Carr, you said, “[w]e can do this the easy way or the hard way,”⁷ and hours later Nexstar announced it would preempt *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* “for the foreseeable future.”⁸ While Nexstar has since resumed airing the show, the episode reveals the Trump Administration’s ability and apparent willingness to influence industry behavior, particularly when regulatory approvals are at stake.⁹

For this reason, it is imperative that the government clearly and transparently enforce laws that protect consumers, free from political influence or backroom deals. The FCC should not approve the transfer of Tegna’s licenses to Nexstar if the transfer does not serve “the public interest, convenience, and necessity,” as set out in federal telecommunications law.¹⁰ In addition, as the Department of Justice (DOJ) scrutinizes Nexstar’s proposed acquisition of Tegna, it should oppose this deal if it would substantially lessen competition in local television in violation of federal antitrust law.¹¹

Nexstar’s Acquisition of Tegna Would Create an Anticompetitive TV Station Giant

The size of this deal and Nexstar and Tegna’s status as giants among owners of local television stations suggests this acquisition merits significant scrutiny from your agencies. Nexstar is the country’s largest TV broadcaster.¹² The company controls 201 stations and serves more than a third of local TV households nationally.¹³ Tegna owns 64 TV stations in 51 markets, 35 of which overlap with Nexstar.¹⁴ If the merger is approved, Nexstar would stand to control 265 stations

⁶ CNN, Here’s the timeline of Jimmy Kimmell’s suspension,” Alex Leeds Matthews and Brian Stelter, September 18, 2025, <https://www.cnn.com/2025/09/18/business/timeline-jimmy-kimmel-suspension-vis>; NBC News, “Jimmy Kimmel suspension puts spotlight on Brendan Carr, Trump’s FCC chair,” Daniel Arkin and Kevin Collier, September 18, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/media/jimmy-kimmelsuspension-brendan-carr-trumps-fcc-chair-rcna232091>.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Nexstar, “Nexstar ABC Affiliates To Preempt “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” Indefinitely Beginning Tonight,” press release, September 17, 2025, <https://www.nexstar.tv/nexstar-abc-affiliates-to-preempt-jimmykimmel-live-indefinitely-beginning-tonight/>.

⁹ Nexstar, ““Jimmy Kimmel Live!” To Return To Nexstar’s ABC Affiliated Television Stations,” September 26, 2025, <https://www.nexstar.tv/jimmy-kimmel-live-to-return-to-nexstars-abc-affiliated-television-stations/>; NPR, “Jimmy Kimmel’s suspension shows power of FCC’s Brendan Carr,” David Folkenflik, September 19, 2025, <https://www.npr.org/2025/09/19/nx-s1-5546764/fcc-brendan-carr-kimmel-trump-free-speech>.

¹⁰ 47 U.S.C. 214(a) & 310(d).

¹¹ Law360, “DOJ Probes Nexstar’s \$6.2B Deal For Tegna,” Matthew Perlman, November 3, 2025, <https://www.law360.com/telecom/articles/2406733>; U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission, “Merger Guidelines,” December 2023, p. 1, <https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-12/2023%20Merger%20Guidelines.pdf>.

¹² Los Angeles Times, “Nexstar agrees to acquire Tegna in \$6.2-billion TV station group deal,” Stephen Battaglio, August 19, 2025, <https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/business/story/2025-08-19/nexstar-agrees-to-acquire-tegna-in-a-major-tv-station-group-deal>.

¹³ New York Times, “TV Giant Nexstar Agrees to Acquire a Rival, Tegna, for \$6.2 Billion,” Benjamin Mullin, August 19, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/19/business/media/nexstar-tegna-deal.html>; Associated Press, “Nexstar Media Group buying Tegna in deal worth \$6.2 billion,” Wyatt Grantham-Philips and Michelle Chapman, August 21, 2025, <https://apnews.com/article/nexstar-tegna-newsnation-cw-trump-c1743d55103a809ea31c5c7c7c4c0c87>.

¹⁴ *Id.*

and reach an unprecedented 80% of TV households in the United States, exceeding the 39% limit set by Congress,¹⁵ and including 9 out of the top 10 media markets.¹⁶

Nexstar's proposed acquisition of Tegna threatens to eliminate substantial competition between current competitors, which raises concerns under antitrust law.¹⁷ Federal antitrust law enforcement guidelines provide that a deal can violate the law when it significantly increases concentration in a highly concentrated market, or when it extends a dominant position.¹⁸ The approval of a Nexstar-Tegna deal will entrench Nexstar's existing market dominance in local TV markets across the United States, some of which are already duopolies.¹⁹ The TV giant would own 265 TV stations in 44 states and Washington, D.C.²⁰ A Nexstar-Tegna conglomerate would control two of the top — and in some cases, three — local TV stations in Sacramento, St. Louis, Denver, Scranton, Des Moines, Knoxville, Cleveland, Buffalo, and Minneapolis, among many other major media markets.²¹

Your agencies should evaluate the Nexstar-Tegna acquisition in light of the wave of consolidation across the TV industry, including Nexstar's 2019 acquisition of competitor

¹⁵ Wall Street Journal, "Nexstar to Buy Tegna for \$6.2 Billion," Nicholas G. Miller, August 19, 2025, https://www.wsj.com/business/deals/nexstar-to-buy-tegna-for-6-2-billion-53a01da9?mod=WTRN_pos1; Poynter, "Nexstar's takeover of Tegna would require an overhaul of FCC ownership rules," Al Tompkins, August 19, 2025, <https://www.poynter.org/business-work/2025/nexstar-tegna-fcc-ownership-rules-media-consolidation/>.

¹⁶ Nexstar, "Acquisition of TEGNA Inc. – August 2025," p. 6, <https://www.nexstar.tv/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/August-2025-TEGNA-Acquisition-Deck.pdf>.

¹⁷ U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission, "Merger Guidelines," December 2023, pp. 6-7, <https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-12/2023%20Merger%20Guidelines.pdf>.

¹⁸ *Id.*, pp. 2-3.

¹⁹ Rockford Register Star, "Gray Media to buy 13 WREX in Rockford and 9 other TV stations across US for \$171M," Jeff Kolkey, <https://www.knoxnews.com/story/news/regional/2025/08/08/gray-media-moves-to-acquire-10-new-television-stations/85574733007/>.

²⁰ Wall Street Journal, "Nexstar to Buy Tegna for \$6.2 Billion," Nicholas G. Miller, August 19, 2025, https://www.wsj.com/business/deals/nexstar-to-buy-tegna-for-6-2-billion-53a01da9?mod=WTRN_pos1; Poynter, "Nexstar's takeover of Tegna would require an overhaul of FCC ownership rules," Al Tompkins, August 19, 2025, <https://www.poynter.org/business-work/2025/nexstar-tegna-fcc-ownership-rules-media-consolidation/>.

²¹ Sacramento Bee, "Nexstar makes \$6.2B offer for Tegna; deal could affect 2 Sacramento TV stations," Bee Staff and Wire Reports, August 19, 2025, <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article311764122.html>; St. Louis Magazine, "Tegna purchase could lead to layoffs or consolidation in St. Louis newsrooms," Ryan Krull, August 20, 2025, <https://www.stlmag.com/news/tegna-nexstar-purchase-st-louis/>; The Denver Post, "Broadcast TV merger could spell layoffs, programming changes for 9News and Fox3," John Wenzel, August 20, 2025, <https://www.denverpost.com/2025/08/20/tegna-nexstar-merger-9news-fox3/>; Scranton Times-Tribune, "Nexstar in discussions to buy Tegna; both operate local TV stations," Robert Tomkavage, August 12, 2025, <https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/08/12/nexstar-in-discussions-to-buy-tegna-both-operate-local-tv-stations/>; Knoxville News Sentinel, "Nexstar's bid for Tegna could shake up WATE and WBIR," Keenan Thomas, August 22, 2025, <https://www.knoxnews.com/story/money/business/2025/08/22/nexstar-bid-for-tegna-could-shake-up-wate-and-wbir/85707289007/?gnt-cfi=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=true&gca-epi=z11xx92p115050c115050e006800v11xx92b00xxxxd11xx65&gca-ft=123&gca-ds=sophi>; Des Moines Register, "Could more Iowa TV stations have the same owner? What to know about Nexstar-Tegna merger," Kate Kealey, August 19, 2025, <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/local/2025/08/19/nexstar-tegna-merger-who-13-woi-local-5-news-iowa/85722226007/>; cleveland.com, "Nexstar-Tegna merger could reshape Cleveland TV landscape, combining WKYC and WJW," Joey Morona, August 23, 2025, <https://www.cleveland.com/entertainment/2025/08/nexstar-tegna-merger-could-reshape-cleveland-tv-landscape-combining-wkyc-and-wjw.html>; State University of New York – Fredonia, "Media seeks out Igoe for Nexstar/Tegna consolidation impacts," August 27, 2025, <https://www.fredonia.edu/news/articles/media-seeks-out-igoe-nexstartegna-consolidation-impacts>.

Tribune Media Company, which made the company the largest TV station owner in the country; Gray Media’s buying spree of TV stations earlier this year;²² and Sinclair’s taking a stake in Scripps “in a move to push toward a merger of the companies.”²³ Additional consolidation among competitors would significantly reduce competition in a way that threatens the public interest.

A Nexstar-Tegna Deal Will Increase Costs, Drive Job Losses, and Harm Local Journalism

The proposed Nexstar-Tegna deal would likely drive cable, satellite, and streaming prices higher for American families. A Nexstar-Tegna conglomerate would have increased leverage to extract favorable terms with pay-TV distributors and advertisers, including the use of blackouts across an increased number of stations, and drive up prices on retransmission consent fees.²⁴ The costs of these changes would be passed on to subscribers to cable and satellite services, who have already seen two decades of price increases on “signals that are otherwise free over the air.”²⁵

In addition to raising prices, the consequence of a Nexstar-Tegna consolidation will be borne out in local newsroom layoffs and a reduction in the diversity of newsroom coverage.²⁶ Similar mergers have led to layoffs at news stations as companies seek to cut costs. After Nexstar’s \$4.1 billion acquisition of rival Tribune Media in 2019, the company cut dozens of newsroom jobs at local TV stations across the country.²⁷ E.W. Scripps’ \$2.6 billion acquisition of ION Media Group in 2020²⁸ and Gray Television’s \$3.6 billion dollar deal with Raycom Media also led to significant job cuts.²⁹ And just three months after the Trump Administration’s approval of the \$8 billion Paramount Skydance megamerger, the company announced it would cut 2000 jobs across

²² Financial Times, “Nexstar to buy Tribune Media for \$4.1bn,” Eric Platt, Anna Nicolaou and Mark Vandeveld, December 2, 2018, <https://www.ft.com/content/86a98498-f66d-11e8-af46-2022a0b02a6c>; Rockford Register Star, “Gray Media to buy 13 WREX in Rockford and 9 other TV stations across US for \$171M,” Jeff Kolkey, <https://www.knoxnews.com/story/news/regional/2025/08/08/gray-media-moves-to-acquire-10-new-television-stations/85574733007/>.

²³ CNBC, “E.W. Scripps stock surges 40% after Sinclair takes stake, pushes for a merger,” Lillian Rizzo, November 17, 2025, <https://www.cnbc.com/2025/11/17/sinclair-scripps-stake-merger-push.html>.

²⁴ Deadline, “Nexstar To Acquire Tegna For \$6.2B In Local TV Megadeal Fueled By Donald Trump Deregulation,” Dade Hayes, August 19, 2025, <https://deadline.com/2025/08/nexstar-acquires-tegna-local-tv-merger-donald-trump-1236491712/>.

²⁵ Poynter, “Nexstar’s takeover of Tegna would require an overhaul of FCC ownership rules,” Al Tompkins, August 19, 2025, <https://www.poynter.org/business-work/2025/nexstar-tegna-fcc-ownership-rules-media-consolidation/>; American Television Alliance, “Comments of the American Television Alliance, In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.3555(e) of the Commission’s Rules, National Television Multiple Ownership Rule,” August 4, 2025, <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1080402625067/1>.

²⁶ Scranton Times-Tribune, “Nexstar in discussions to buy Tegna; both operate local TV stations,” Robert Tomkavage, August 12, 2025, <https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/08/12/nexstar-in-discussions-to-buy-tegna-both-operate-local-tv-stations/>; St. Louis Magazine, “Tegna purchase could lead to layoffs or consolidation in St. Louis newsrooms,” Ryan Krull, August 20, 2025, <https://www.stlmag.com/news/tegn-nexstar-purchase-st-louis/>; The Denver Post, “Broadcast TV merger could spell layoffs, programming changes for 9News and Fox3,” John Wenzel, August 20, 2025, <https://www.denverpost.com/2025/08/20/tegn-nexstar-merger-9news-fox31/>.

²⁷ TheDesk.net, “After merging with Tribune, Nexstar issues Christmas pink slips,” Matthew Keys, December 13, 2019, <https://thedesk.net/2019/12/nexstar-christmas-layoffs-tribune-stations/>.

²⁸ MarketWatch, “E.W. Scripps started laying off employees, as a result of the ION Media acquisition,” Tomi Kilgore, January 14, 2021, https://www.marketwatch.com/story/ew-scripps-started-laying-off-employees-as-a-result-of-the-ion-media-acquisition-2021-01-14?gaa_at=eafs&gaa_n=AWETSqcGq0SFTsW97p91U2n6RNYPaVy4kQj4Q_wY6DODrmHxMvX_AupH46VnOmEc2t0%3D&gaa_ts=690a5f2b&gaa_sig=1X61_1rKbPjIRNcophDmB57fCTLDoUJpMqgs5FNoUta_Xy1hchUPGXL-517N4AhU_joUAJnySPmWWdYIeDSDBw%3D%3D.

its portfolio, which includes CBS, MTV, and BET.³⁰ As a media law expert notes, “[w]hen acquisitions like the one proposed by Nexstar happen, the purchasing company typically downsizes... laying people off to keep costs low.”³¹ This is particularly true in media markets where a company owns more than one local station, in which the company could have the financial incentive to combine newsrooms.³² As noted above, there are 35 markets in which Nexstar and Tegna both control stations that would be folded under common ownership if your agencies approve the deal, and where the companies could collapse newsrooms and lay off journalists. Nexstar has openly touted “synergies of approximately \$300 million” in cost-savings if it were to acquire Tegna, portending future layoffs and downsizing.³³

Furthermore, the approval of the Nexstar-Tegna deal will reinforce a decline in the breadth and diversity of coverage provided by independent, local journalism. Nexstar is the largest duplicator of news content today, as measured by how often “local TV news used the exact same words in at least 50% on their broadcasts.”³⁴ A Nexstar-Tegna media entity will likely reduce the diversity of local news coverage offered by stations across the country by accelerating “a homogenization of content.”³⁵ Chair Carr, you have recognized the value of viewpoint diversity in local media, stating that “[l]ocalism is one of the key guiding stars of our media policy”³⁶ and that “[l]ocal broadcasters have an obligation to serve the public interest.”³⁷ The FCC should not bless the loss of diversity of viewpoints in news coverage afforded through competitive ownership of TV stations.

The Nexstar-Tegna Deal Exceeds the FCC’s National Broadcast Ownership Cap

The proposed Nexstar-Tegna acquisition presumptively violates the national television ownership cap set by Congress in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended by Section

²⁹ Montgomery Advertiser, “Raycom, owners of WSFA, announce layoffs as merger moves ahead,” Brad Harper, September 18, 2018, <https://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/money/business/2018/09/18/raycom-owners-wsfa-announce-layoffs-merger-moves-ahead/1344764002/>.

³⁰ NBC News, “Paramount Skydance begins layoffs, plans to slash about 2,000 jobs,” Rob Wile, Rebecca Keegan and Chloe Melas, October 29, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/media/paramount-skydance-layoffs-rcna240067>.

³¹ Knoxville News Sentinel, “Nexstar’s bid for Tegna could shake up WATE and WBIR”, Keenan Thomas, August 22, 2025, <https://www.knoxnews.com/story/money/business/2025/08/22/nexstar-bid-for-tegna-could-shake-up-wate-and-wbir/85707289007/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=true&gca-epi=z11xx92p115050c115050e006800v11xx92b00xxxxd11xx65&gca-ft=123&gca-ds=sophi>

³² *Id.*; Scranton Times-Tribune, “Nexstar in discussions to buy Tegna; both operate local TV stations,” Robert Tomkavage, August 12, 2025, <https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/08/12/nexstar-in-discussions-to-buy-tegna-both-operate-local-tv-stations/>.

³³ Nexstar, “Nexstar Media Group, Inc. Enters into Definitive Agreement To Acquire TEGNA Inc. for \$6.2 Billion in Accretive Transaction,” August 19, 2025, <https://www.nexstar.tv/nexstar-media-group-inc-enters-into-definitive-agreement-to-acquire-tegna-inc-for-6-2-billion-in-accretive-transaction/>.

³⁴ Associated Press, “Nexstar Media Group buying Tegna in deal worth \$6.2 billion,” Wyatt Grantham-Philips and Michelle Chapman, August 21, 2025, <https://apnews.com/article/nexstar-tegna-newsnation-cw-trump-c1743d55103a809ea31c5c7c7c4c0c87>.

³⁵ *Id.*

³⁶ Inside Radio, “FCC’s Brendan Carr At Day 100: ‘We Want Local Broadcasters To Feel Empowered.’” April 29, 2025, https://www.insideradio.com/free/fcc-s-brendan-carr-at-day-100-we-want-local-broadcasters-to-feel-empowered/article_6acbcd7c-487b-4e27-b8c9-be44e6b2beb3.html.

³⁷ Newsweek, “FCC Says ‘The View’ Could Be Targeted Next After Jimmy Kimmel,” James Bickerton, September 19, 2025, <https://www.newsweek.com/fcc-says-view-could-targeted-next-after-jimmy-kimmel-2132438>.

629 of the 2004 Consolidated Appropriations Act.³⁸ Pursuant to the ownership limit, no entity may own any number of TV stations that reach more than 39% of all U.S. TV households.³⁹ A combined Nexstar-Tegna entity would cover 80% of U.S. TV households, more than double the existing allowance.⁴⁰ Congress set the 39% limit in 2004 in response to the Commission's attempt to raise it to 45% (still lower than the combined Nexstar-Tegna reach), and excluded any updates to the cap from the FCC's quadrennial review.⁴¹ The FCC should abandon its attempt to circumvent Congress to change broadcast ownership rules,⁴² and should refrain from issuing a waiver to give Nexstar and Tegna permission to disregard the cap. As a TV market industry expert explains, "ownership rules were designed to ensure local voices and limit concentration. Broadcasters were expected to serve their communities because the airwaves are publicly owned."⁴³ As the FCC conducts its review of the deal, we urge the agency to heed the statutory language and purpose of media ownership rules in promoting localism and diversity, and ensuring that families across the country can watch local news that is relevant to their community rather than news that has been dictated by a centralized broadcasting giant.

Conclusion

Nexstar's proposed acquisition of Tegna would create a media giant that would likely raise prices, drive layoffs, and reduce independent news coverage. If your agencies approve the deal, the country's largest TV station owner would double its audience reach to 80% of TV households and cement a market-dominant position.⁴⁴ The industry's attempt to boost profits for executives through consolidation ultimately comes at the expense of viewers across the country and independent, local TV journalism. We urge the FCC to carefully review the deal, including by holding public hearings, and block it if Nexstar cannot affirmatively prove that the deal will benefit the public, not just its shareholders. We additionally urge the DOJ to consider the anticompetitive effects of a Nexstar-Tegna merger as it scrutinizes this deal and block the acquisition if it illegally harms competition in violation of federal law.

Sincerely,

³⁸ P.L. 108-199.

³⁹ Federal Communications Commission, "FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules", January 17, 2020 <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/fccs-review-broadcast-ownership-rules>.

⁴⁰ CNBC, "Nexstar to buy smaller rival Tegna for \$3.54 billion in big local-TV deal," August 19, 2025, <https://www.cnbc.com/2025/08/19/tv-broadcaster-nexstar-to-acquire-rival-tegna-for-3point54-billion.html>; Hollywood Reporter, "Fox, CBS May Want In on Local TV Station Buying Spree," Alex Weprin, September 2, 2025, <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/business/business-news/fox-cbs-nexstar-local-tv-buying-1236358490/>.

⁴¹ Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, Public Law 108-199, Section 629, pp. 97-98; Congressional Research Service, "Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Media Ownership Rules", Dana A. Scherer, June 1st, 2021, <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/R45338>.

⁴² Federal Communications Commission, "Modernizing Broadcast Ownership Rules," September 9, 2025, <https://www.fcc.gov/document/modernizing-broadcast-ownership-rules>.

⁴³ cleveland.com, "Nexstar-Tegna merger could reshape Cleveland TV landscape, combining WKYC and WJW," Joey Morona, August 23, 2025, <https://www.cleveland.com/entertainment/2025/08/nexstar-tegna-merger-could-reshape-cleveland-tv-landscape-combining-wkyc-and-wjw.html>;

⁴⁴ Wall Street Journal, "Nexstar to Buy Tegna for \$6.2 Billion," Nicholas G. Miller, August 19, 2025, https://www.wsj.com/business/deals/nexstar-to-buy-tegna-for-6-2-billion-53a01da9?mod=WTRN_pos1; Poynter, "Nexstar's takeover of Tegna would require an overhaul of FCC ownership rules," Al Tompkins, August 19, 2025, <https://www.poynter.org/business-work/2025/nexstar-tegna-fcc-ownership-rules-media-consolidation/>.



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