**Concept Application**

On local news stations across the United States last month, dozens of anchors gave the same speech to their combined millions of viewers.

It included a warning about fake news, a promise to report fairly and accurately and a request that viewers go to the station’s website and comment “if you believe our coverage is unfair.”

It may not have seemed strange to individual viewers. But Timothy Burke, the video director at Deadspin, had read a report last month from CNN, which quoted local station anchors who were uncomfortable with the speech.

Mr. Burke tracked down the stations and found when each had aired what he called a “forced read.”

The script came from Sinclair Broadcasting Group, the country’s largest broadcaster, which owns or operates 193 television stations. The company is seeking a $3.9 billion deal to buy Tribune Media, a move that’s being held up by regulators over antitrust concerns. – Adapted from The New York Times, April 2, 2018

After reading the above passage, respond to A, B, and C below:

1. Describe a power the federal bureaucracy could take to address the concern addressed in the article
2. In the context of the scenario, explain how Congress could limit the bureaucracy’s ability to take action.
3. In the context of the scenario, explain how interest groups could affect the interaction between Congress and bureaucracy.

Key:

1. The FCC could use its rule-making powers to address the situation.
2. Congress could pass new legislation that the bureaucracy would have to implement.
3. Grass-roots mobilization, and media campaign in protest of or support for the decision.