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Room 222, 1919 M Street, N.W.
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RE: **REPLY COMMENTS**, FCC FILE # RM-9208 and RM-9242

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

WE STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE INTENTION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED FILE NUMBERS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE COMMISSION. IN OUR RURAL SERVICE AREA, **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMMING IS OUR STRONGEST CONNECTION TO THE SMALL COMMUNITIES WE SERVE**!

A CONCLUSION THAT SOLID COMMUNITY SERVICE NO LONGER EXISTS BECAUSE OF CONSOLIDATION IS ABSOLUTELY UNFOUNDED, THE ASSUMPTION OF THOSE WHO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE "HEART-LAND" OF THIS COUNTRY.

PLEASE NOTE, THAT BEYOND THE CONCRETE OF THE CITY, LIES THE ENVY OF THE WORLD... **"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"** WHERE THINGS ARE NEITHER "BIG", "CONSOLIDATED", NOR "COMPLICATED".

THIS RADIO STATION CONTRIBUTES APPROXIMATELY **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5,000.00) WORTH OF AIR-TIME A MONTH**, TO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMMING FOR CHURCHES, SERVICE GROUPS SUCH AS LOCAL FIRE COMPANIES, ROTARY CLUBS, LIONS CLUBS, KIWANIS CLUBS, TALL CEDARS AND MORE.

WE DONATE TIME TO GIRL SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, CHURCHES, LIBRARIES, GOOD WILL STORES, MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE ORGANIZATIONS, PLUS DOZENS AND DOZENS OF OTHERS, TOO NUMEROUS TO CATALOG.

WE OPEN OUR STUDIOS FOR TOURS BY LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS GROUPS, BROWNIE AND CUB SCOUT GROUPS. WE PROVIDE A "BLIZZARD WIZZARD" SERVICE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR COMMUTERS, A "DOG-GONE" SERVICE AND... WE ALSO WORK WITH THE LOCAL ART ASSOCIATION, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

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WE ARE THE FIRST TO BE CALLED FOR SCHOOL EMERGENCIES SUCH AS BOMB THREATS, BUS BREAKDOWNS, CANCELLATIONS DURING BAD WEATHER, EARLY DISMISSALS AND OTHER SCHOOL-RELATED EMERGENCIES, WHICH ARE MANY.

WE DO ALL OF THIS FOR ONE REASON...**BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, DEPEND ON US!**

DOES RADIO STILL PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE? IT IS MORE THAN ALIVE AND WELL AT WQLV, AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO NEED FOR MORE "LOW-POWER" STATIONS.

YOURS TRULY,

JAMES F. HEPLER, GENERAL MANAGER
WQLV

JFH/mll
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