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April 27, 1998

**Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Dear Sirs;

I am writing as a broadcaster here in the heartland (Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma) to urge you to reject any more effort to allow low power radio stations.

Our research indicates that these low power entities will cause mass interference and extreme economic difficulty to broadcasters such as ourselves. We operate in Wichita, Kansas, Springfield, Missouri, Omaha, Nebraska and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our radio stations consistently provide programs on a weekly basis that address minority issues, as well as pressing community issues, such as teenage drug use, crime, sexual abuse, etc. We provide several hundred thousand dollars a year in public announcements to local community groups, as well as the state and federal groups.

In order to provide that kind of community service, we must staff rather large. Our company employs over 340 people in those four markets. In each of the markets, we have a full size news department, whose job it is to gather and report local news in our communities.

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If you allow low power broadcasters to hit the airwaves, you will begin to dilute the share of advertising revenue possible in our market sizes. It is already diluted by far too many radio stations (in Wichita there are a total of 22 dividing a total advertising revenue base of 17 million dollars). There simply is no need for low power stations. Any smart broadcaster in any single community in the country makes local access possible to all groups and extends themselves beyond your imagination in helping their community grow. It is good business, as well as the proper thing for a licensee to do. I fear that too many of us in the broadcasting business have been too silent of this issue, but I want you to know that your activities in this area are extremely important to the broadcasting entities across this country.

Please do not allow more low power radio stations. Please listen carefully to the NAB's concerns and know that they reflect the concerns of an awful lot of us who are far too busy running our businesses to be able to write you properly.

Warmest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Oatman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Mike Oatman
CEO
Great Empire Broadcasting**

**cc: Todd Tiaht
Sam Brownback**