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Dear Chairman, and Commissioners:

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Torricelli Brings FM Radio to Bergen County

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FCC Agrees to Allow Signal to Originate in the County

Washington -- U.S. Senator Robert G. Torricelli has successfully including language in a Senate Appropriations bill that will enable radio signals to originate in Bergen County. Currently, FCC regulations prevent radio signals from originating in the county because the relatively weak signal would have to go through a translator, and FCC regulations prohibit signals that originate from translators. The language that Torricelli inserted in the Commerce, State and Justice Appropriations bill would grant an exception to that regulation for Bergen County.

Because Bergen County cannot have local radio service, the county has been served for ** years by WJUX, Jukebox Radio, who operates by sending its signal to a station in New York which then transmits the signal back to the county. Jukebox radio is currently the only statio providing community services including weather, local news, and information during snow or other emergencies.

The language drafted by Torricelli would allow for stations to apply for a license to operate in Bergen County, a process which was previously impossible because of the rule against signals originating from translators. Jukebox has a license to operate in the county using the circuitous route through New York State, and may choose to apply for renewal of the license...

"Right now, Bergen County is the largest county in the nation that does not have a radio station to report local traffic or let parents know when schools are closed because of snow," said Torricelli. "The FCC exemption accepted by the Senate today was necessary because the radio Bergen County residents get from New York simply does not provide vital local information for the community.

Mr. D'Alessandro

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