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The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas  
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Dear Secretary Salas:

On behalf of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, I write to advise you of the following in connection with the proposed rule-making (FCC 99-6, Docket No. 99-25) for the establishment of new, low power FM microbroadcasting service.

Given the current limitations encountered with AM based Highway Advisory Radio (HAR), use of the FM band may provide a solution to the current AM reception problems and greatly facilitate provision of travel information to the public. For numerous public agencies, broadcast radio is an extremely important means for conveying messages to the traveling public on a timely basis. This includes announcements of unforeseen events, such as traffic incidents or accidents, as well as announcement of planned activities such as maintenance or construction. We believe a low power FM service would greatly benefit both public safety and transportation entities such as the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as well as other governmental agencies in the New York - New Jersey region. Low power FM HAR could greatly improve the efficiency and safety of the nation's roads.

Permitting public entities, such as the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to hold authorizations in this new service would facilitate the objectives outlined above.

Sincerely,

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Chief Operating Officer

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