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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Low	
Power Radio	RM - 9208
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Comments of

The Harrisburg Area Radio
Reading Service

The Harrisburg Area Radio Reading Service of the Tri-County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc. would like to bring to the Commission's attention a major concern with the proposal for low power FM (LPFM) stations. Our station uses a sub-carrier of an FM station to broadcast to over eight hundred persons who are print-impaired. These individuals cannot read, hold a book or turn pages due to a visual or physical handicap. They rely on our service to provide them with information that they can no longer access in any other way. They are citizens of the United States who through their misfortune have become print-impaired because of a birth defect, disease, an accident, illness, or old age. They are individuals who love to read and have found that Radio Reading Services meet that need.

If the Commission allows LPFMs to begin operation on adjacent channels to the Radio Reading Services, major interferences will occur and millions of individuals who are print-impaired will lose the ability to use their sub-carrier receiver. As citizens of the United States they deserve the right not only to access the information we provide but the right to a quality broadcast.

We urge the Commission to drop the LPFM proposal so as to assure that all persons have equal rights to access information in a quality manner through Radio Reading Services.

Respectfully,

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