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Mr. John Mitchell
208 N. Thomas Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana 71107

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for letting me hear from you concerning Chairman Kennard's efforts to ruin FM radio.

I will certainly be pleased to look into this matter for you, and have taken the liberty of contacting the appropriate officials, here in Washington, to request a report. I will be back in touch with you as soon as I receive any additional information.

I appreciate your bringing this important matter to my attention, and I hope that you will continue to contact me when I can be of assistance to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
SH-702 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1804



Dear Sen. Landrieu,

I own and operate two FM radio stations in Shreveport-Bossier and 3 FMs and an AM in Mount Pleasant/Sulfur Springs, Texas.

I have always backed you because I believe you to be fair-minded and straight forward. I need your help. I believe this administration is trying to trash FM radio. Their FCC chairman appointee, Bill Kennard, has only one agenda and that is to get more African-Americans in radio station ownership. The African-Americans I personally know have sold out. Their sales prices all appeared to be highly profitable, ranging from \$2 million to \$40 million. They could still be in the business, but they took the money. Surely they can buy into the many stock companies now in place. And they can manage stations for the companies.

Kennard proposes changing, or ignoring, the FM engineering standards and issuing thousands of new low-power FM stations. These stations will be almost entirely in the small towns in the South. In addition to the satellite stations from outer space (some 80 channels in every market in America), we also will have a developing internet radio.

These low-power stations will ruin radio as we know it.

The Jaycee creed used this quote: "government of laws rather than men".

Please help me and radio. Why let them kill it for political reasons?

208 N. Thomas Drive
Shreveport, LA 71107

Sincerely,

John Mitchell

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Ms. Sheryl J. Wilkerson
Director, Office of Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 808
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Wilkerson:

Because of my desire to be responsive to all inquiries, I respectfully request your attention to the enclosed correspondence which I received from one of my constituents, Mr. John Mitchell of Shreveport, Louisiana.

I will appreciate your findings and views, along with the return of the enclosures, on or before August 11, 1999.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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