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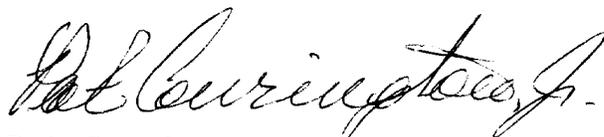
Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing in opposition to "MM Docket No. 99-25".

In the 1980's, the Commission began a proceeding that ultimately ended in the revision of its rules that allowed thousands of new stations on the air. The result of "Docket 80-90" was that there were too many stations in the marketplace. I saw several stations in my area that went dark because of this proceeding. The Commission subsequently loosened radio ownership restrictions in order to bolster the industry. A culmination of this was the lifting of the national radio ownership restrictions and further loosening of the local restrictions in the Telecomm Act of 1996. Docket 80-90 was the direct cause of consolidation. Now we are going to repeat the same scenario with Docket 99-25.

The Commission altered its rules in 1978 to prohibit further licensing of 10-watt "Class D" noncommercial educational stations because it determined the spectrum could be used more efficiently by larger stations that can reach more people. Should this not be the same today?

Very sincerely yours,



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President

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