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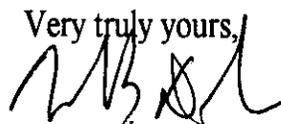
**Re: The Freedom Network, L.L.C.
Low Power FM Proceeding
MM Docket No. 99-25
RM-9208 and 9242**

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

On August 2, 1999, The Freedom Network, L.L.C. ("Freedom") filed comments in the above-referenced proceeding. The letter contained a facsimile copy of Freedom's President, Otto Miller.

Transmitted herewith is the original copy of Mr. Miller's signature. Please associate this copy with the Freedom's comments.

Should there be any questions, please contact the undersigned directly.

Very truly yours,

Mark B. Denbo

Counsel for The Freedom Network, L.L.C.

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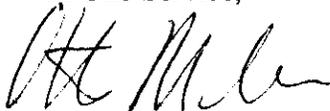
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facing AM broadcasters in the United States.⁴ Despite the technical limitations of Freedom's stations, however, they are providing critical and vital services to multicultural America.

Freedom Network had originally planned to expand this multicultural program service to 50 stations over the next three years. It cannot possibly hope to do so, however, if the local radio markets are saturated with thousands of new low power FM outlets. How can our small AM stations, acquired at premium market rates, compete against these new outlets situated in the prime broadcast spectrum? There is simply no viable way for a stand alone broadcast station -- let alone a stand alone AM broadcaster -- to compete against *thirteen* new 1,000 watt FM outlets in a market the size of San Antonio, *eleven* new 1,000 watt FM stations in a market the size of Atlanta, or *five* new 1,000 watt FM outlets in Orlando!⁵ The Commission should be seeking to enhance the viability of *existing* broadcasters who *already* serve the minority community, particularly those in the AM band. LPFM is no solution to the problems created for small operators and minority broadcast voices by consolidation in the radio industry. It can only create greater harm to them, contrary to the very goals underlying this new service.

I urge the Commissioners to use their good judgment and, upon reconsideration, withdraw this proposal that will create so much harm to the small and independent broadcasters who have dedicated their facilities and efforts to making a difference in a changing America.

In One Service,



Otto Miller
President
The Freedom Network, L.L.C.

cc: Hon. William Kennard
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⁴See, e.g., *Review of Technical Assignment Criteria for the AM Broadcast Service*, Report and Order, 6 FCC Rcd 6273 (1991).

⁵*NPRM* at Appendix D.