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The Honorable William Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

On behalf of the people of the state of Arkansas, I would like to express my concerns with the proposed rules regarding the creation of low power FM radio service. Thank you for taking the time to consider my correspondence.

It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering abandoning the current requirement for specified distance separations between stations on the same channel and three pairs of adjacent channels. The requirement in place was established so that listeners would not experience interference and elimination or reduction of these standards would certainly result in increased interference to existing signals.

As you may know, Arkansas has a robust radio industry, with more than 230 stations currently providing service over a mainly rural region. The proposed rules could have a staggering effect on the ability of my constituents to receive FM radio without significant interference.

At this point, I must voice my opposition to the proposed rule and request that it be redrafted to reflect the concerns of the people of Arkansas.

Sincerely yours,

Jay Dickey

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