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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We have recently learned that the Federal Communications Commission is considering the issuance of a notice of proposed rulemaking to establish a new low power radio FM service. The IBTTA, on behalf of our membership, would like to strongly encourage such an action.

The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) is the not-for-profit trade association representing the worldwide toll industry. Our members operate more than 525 toll facilities in 21 countries. In the United States, our members include more than 50 toll authorities operating some 135 toll roads, bridges or tunnels. These facilities encompass almost 5,000 miles of roadway. In 1997, IBTTA facilities serviced more than 3.6 billion vehicles.

Enhanced customer services have always been a hallmark of toll facilities and many of our member make use of Travelers' Information Service ("TIS") systems to keep their customers informed about traffic conditions and services on the roadway. We are confident that IBTTA member organizations would be very interested to learn how they might enhance their services to road users through the application of FM band micro broadcasting to provide TIS services.

Upon issuance of an NPRM, we intend to relay the notice to all U.S. members with a request that they respond to the FCC docket detailing how they could make use of such an opportunity. The IBTTA staff would also be pleased to render our staff any assistance that might be helpful in this regard.

Sincerely,

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