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October 13, 1999

99-25

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Secretary
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find a filing representing the views of the Friends of WOSU, a registered not-for-profit Ohio corporation, whose mission is to support the WOSU Stations, licensed to The Ohio State University.

If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Cookson
President
Friends of WOSU

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
Creation of a Low Power Radio Service) **MM Docket No. 99-25**
To: The Commission)

REPLY COMMENTS

The Friends of WOSU is the community support organization that is active in helping WOSU-AM-FM raise funds, promote its programming, and recruit and retain volunteers.

As active public radio supporters and listeners of WOSU-AM-FM, we submit these Reply Comments in the above-referenced proceeding on LPFM.

Based on our understanding of the initial Comments of the public radio licensees and support groups, LPFM will adversely affect public radio, in that it will result in (i) the introduction of an intolerable level of new interference throughout the FM band, with public radio bearing the brunt of the effects of new interference because of its typical program modulation; (ii) an unknown (and unknowable) impact on public radio conversion to digital audio broadcasting; (iii) loss of existing public radio FM translator and satellite/repeater service; (iv) loss of existing public radio service outside protected

contours; and (v) potential loss of subcarrier services, particularly radio reading services for the print disabled.

We urge the Commission not to sacrifice our public radio stations and our public radio listeners. We urge the Commission to look for alternate ways (outside the FM band) to accommodate the proponents of LPFM, if it believes any such accommodation is appropriate. We ask the Commission to pay heed to the Comments of our public radio industry groups (PRROs, SRG, NPR, and CPB) and to treat those views as our views in this proceeding. We request that the Commission review with care the "listening tests" on the CD ROMs submitted with NPR's Comments—those listening tests document the intolerable interference that LPFM will cause if authorized as proposed in this proceeding.

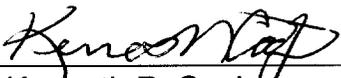
We state unequivocally our firm belief that the record in this proceeding does not support the creation of LPFM in the FM radio band.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Friends of WOSU

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By: 
Kenneth R. Cookson

Title: President

Date: Oct 13, 1999