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Ms. Sheryl Wilkerson
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Wilkerson:

I have been contacted by Mr. David Macejko and Mr. John Lee regarding a proposal to lift existing second and third adjacent channel protections for full-power radio stations to make room for low-power FM (LPFM) stations. I understand that the National Association of Broadcasters has submitted filings supporting its position on LPFM.

Please give the views and concerns of my constituents and the NAB the appropriate consideration within federal guidelines. Also, please investigate the enclosed information and provide me with a report responding to their concerns. Your reply may be forwarded to the attention of Jennifer Guste in my Washington office.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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Honorable John Breaux
US Senate, Room H-516
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Breaux:

If we could take just a moment of your time, we would like to call your attention to an issue that many of us in the Broadcast industry see as a problem of potential National concern. That issue is low-power FM (LPFM.)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has proposed the creation of hundreds of new FM radio stations operating at either 100- or 1000-watts of transmitter power. But, to make room for these new stations, the FCC has also proposed lifting existing 2nd- and 3rd-adjacent channel protections for full-power radio stations already on the air. And that has many of us in this industry deeply concerned about the increased probability of signal interference from these new stations.

In its proposal, the FCC contends that the quality of today's radio receivers is such that adjacent channel interference would not be a problem. And this may be true of high-end (and high dollar) receivers. But independent studies performed for the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) show just the opposite. In fact, the engineers who conducted those studies say that the performance standards of many consumer grade radios have actually gone down in recent years. A good example of this would be the countless number of inexpensive (\$25 or less) radios available in any neighborhood drug or department store.

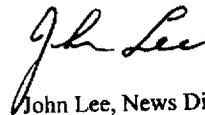
Earlier this month, the NAB filed with the FCC over 500 documents and maps supporting its position against LPFM. Now, we would like to ask your help to make sure that the FCC gives the NAB's filings the consideration that they rightly deserve. It is our hope as Broadcasters that the FCC will not only conduct a careful analysis of these filings but also that it will report back to you, the Congress, on the outcome of that analysis before taking any further action on the low-power FM issue.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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