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Dear Honorable Kennard:

On behalf of the Alabama Broadcasters Association, I am writing to respectfully request your attention to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MM Docket 99-25.

As you know, this proposal would create one or more new classes of service in the existing FM radio band, licensing 1000-watt, 100-watt and 1-10 watt stations. The goals of implementing low power radio service are to provide new opportunities for community-oriented radio broadcasting, foster opportunities for new radio broadcast ownership and promote additional diversity in radio voices and program services, while protecting the integrity of the spectrum.

The Alabama Broadcasters Association has informed me this proposal would be detrimental to full-power FM stations for several reasons. Mainly, they fear this proposal would cause interference to existing stations and inefficiency in the use of the spectrum, and harm the development of In-Band, On-Channel digital radio. Additionally, the association feels this proposal is not economically viable and would fail to achieve the goals sought by the FCC.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If I can answer any questions or be of service to you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely

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