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The Federal Communications Commission
Office of Legislative Affairs
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Dear Director:

I am writing to bring to your attention a letter from Shirley Garner, General Manager of your Christian Companion Radio Network, regarding her opposition to any additional licenses of low-power FM radio station in the Northern California radio market. Please look into the issue(s) raised, as quickly as possible, so I can appropriately respond to Ms. Garner.

Attached you will find the enclosure(s) from my constituent to assist you with your review. After you have completed your review, please send your written response to Monica Borvice of my San Francisco office. Monica may be contacted at (415) 536-6868 if you have any questions.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dianne Feinstein

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United States Senator

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The Honorable
United States Senator
Washington, DC 2051-1305

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Dear Senator Johnston,

I am writing in regard to recent actions about to be undertaken by the Federal Communications Commission. As you no doubt know the FCC wants to license numerous low-power FM radio stations, which will result in interference for tens of thousands of listeners on an already congested radio dial. This is very disturbing to us. We operate two radio stations in Northern California and 10 translators.

We have been in operation now for 25 years and have many, many loyal listeners who have not only listened to us over the years but supported us for many years and have been the underlying reason for our growth.

Senator Gregg (R-NH) has recently introduced a bill, S 2068, The Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000." This bill is similar to House bill H.R. 3439, which unanimously passed the House Commerce Telecommunications Subcommittee and which would retroactively prevent the Commission from instituting low-power FM service. I am writing to ask for you help in opposing this threat by co-sponsoring S. 2068.

The FCC is ignoring credible research, which convincingly foretells of the interference that will be the most notable result of these actions. In fact FCC Commissioners Powell and Furchtgott-Roth have questioned the wisdom of adopting the Report and Order prior to resolving the interference issue. Thus, one might suspect that the FCC's decision has motivations beyond providing service to undeserved groups, churches and communities. Hopefully unintended but certainly inevitable is the threat to established broadcasters.

In KYCC & KCJH average market, we serve numerous local churches by providing public service announcements and involvement in church community events. In all probability many of our loyal listeners will be unable to listen to us due to interfering signals. Listeners for many years now have supported this ministry and it has become a regular part of their daily lives. There will be a great sadness in their hearts and a lot of frustration.

Still fresh in the memory of many broadcasters is a comparable event in the 80's when the commission revised it's rules to allow thousands of new stations on the air, ostensibly to provide service to undeserved communities. The result was nearly disastrous for commercial radio, and later caused the FCC to modify its ownership rules .. which opened the door for the present industry consolidation frenzy. Now we wonder if the Commission's recent action

suggests it has forgotten the truism that "those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it"

Senator Johnston, you know that religious radio has been a major promoter of family values and personal responsibility across our land. We ask you to endorse S.2068, and send a message to the Commission that they must act responsibly.

Please let me know how you feel about this issue.

Respectfully yours,

Shirley Garner

Shirley Garner
General Manager