Honorable Commissioners of the FCC,

I am writing on behalf of WXOX-LP, a volunteer-powered community radio station broadcasting on 97.1 FM in Louisville, Kentucky. On February 14, 2019 we celebrated three years on the FM dial with the many diverse members of our community that have fallen in love with the unique programming offered by our station. We are so thankful to you – and everyone at the FCC – who made this LPFM opportunity happen. It is exciting to see so many community organizations take to the airwaves across the country. It has been wonderful hearing so many local voices on the dial.

ART FM, like many nonprofits who hold LPFM licenses, is a nonprofit organization made up of a diverse group of individuals with various ages and backgrounds. Our 120s DJs speak multiple languages and represent many cultures. They are various ages and have various interests – very few of which are represented in mainstream media. Through music, talk, and creative experimentation, our programs highlight and celebrate the differences and similarities of people all over the world. We have a large percentage of female DJs and Board Members. We always work towards equality in the workplace. On our daily broadcast, we highlight the voices that have too long been ignored.

In addition to great daily programming we provide local Emergency Broadcasting Services, live updates on local news situations and information about community events. We also promote the charitable activities of local nonprofits through interviews and hourly Public Service Announcements.

WXOX is enjoyed by listeners who are all too often side-lined by commercial broadcasting. LPFM radio creates an inclusive audio space where new ideas are celebrated. Our station has become such a strong unifying power, it breaks our heart that we are not able to include everyone in our community. Folks who live and work within heavy brick or concrete buildings have reported difficulty receiving our broadcast as have folks who live in areas shadowed by higher terrain.

Through listener feedback, and outstanding listener support, we know we offer a valuable service to our community. While reviewing LPFM rules, we hope you will consider increasing our maximum allotted power from 100 watts to 250 watts of Affective Radiated Rower at 100 feet Height Above Average Terrain. This modest increase would greatly improve our ability to deliver the diverse voices of our community to those whom it matters the most.

Thank You for Your Consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon M. Scott, WXOX-LP

Co-Founder & General Manager