

***M E M O R A N D U M***

To: FCC

From : Ron Stone, CEO

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Re: 18-349

I personally believe that the cap should only be lifted for small group owners and individual market owners only outside of the top 25 markets. Small broadcasters are still committed to local studios in their markets and remain live and local. This should be a requirement of any broadcaster gaining more stations in a market.

In spite of all the digital alternatives, local radio still is the service of choice in emergencies and inclement weather. Radio is where people turn when they need reliable information, updated often. While some deregulation would be helpful to broadcasters, it must be limited to maintain a local presence. The same reasons that made radio great in the beginning still apply today.

Sincerely,

Ron Stone