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William F. Caton  
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ATTN: The Commission

RE: Petition For Reconsideration of the Sixth Report and Order In MM Docket No. 87-268, submitted by Sunnycrest Media, Inc., Licensee of Low Power Television Station WSOT-LP, Marion, Indiana

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Sunnycrest Media, Inc. is an original and 11 copies of its "Petition for Reconsideration" filed in connection with the above-referenced rulemaking proceeding.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, kindly contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

SUNNYCREST MEDIA, INC.

By: Joseph E. Dunne III  
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Existing Television Broadcast )  
Services )

To: The Commission

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sunnycrest Media, Inc. ("Sunnycrest"), licensee of low power television station WSOT-LP, Marion, Indiana, by and through its undersigned attorney and pursuant to section 1.429 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 47 CFR § 1.429 (1997), hereby respectfully requests the Commission to reconsider its action in the above-captioned Report and Order, 62 FR 26684 (May 14, 1997), assigning channels 24 and 25, respectively, to WPTA, Fort Wayne, and WRTV, Indianapolis, as their DTV assignments, and, instead, assign channel 31 to WPTA, Fort Wayne and channel 34 to WRTV, Indianapolis. Sunnycrest previously filed Comments in this proceeding. As grounds for its petition, Sunnycrest shows and states as follows.

**A. The Commission Proposal**

1. In the Sixth Report and Order in MM Docket No. 87-268 (hereinafter "Sixth Report and Order") the Commission assigned, as DTV channels, channel 24 to WPTA, Fort Wayne, Indiana and channel 25 to WRTV, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**B. The Effect of the Commission's Proposal**

2. As shown in the Engineering Statement attached in Exhibit 1, the transmitter sites for WPTA and WRTV are only 43 and 56 miles, respectively, from the WSOT-LP transmitter site. One of the basic assumptions of the DTV table of allocations is that the licensees' transmitter sites will remain the same. Because of the short distance between the transmitter sites at issue, and the lack of any intervening terrain obstructions, WSOT-LP will cause and receive interference from WPTA and WRTV when those stations begin operating on their DTV channels. Should that occur, according to Commission rules, WSOT-LP will be required to cease operation. Moreover, given the crowded spectrum in Northern Indiana because of the number of large television markets located so close to Marion, it is problematical, to say the least, to hope that there will be an available frequency which would permit WSOT-LP to resume operation as a displaced LPTV licensee. Moreover, given the tightness of spectrum in the area, WSOT-LP will be utterly dependent on WPTA and WRTV to speedily construct their DTV channels to permit WSOT-LP to file a displacement application while there are channels available. Given the Commission's Fort Wayne and Indianapolis assignments, WSOT-LP's future is, at best, uncertain. Displacement is an expensive and time-consuming process requiring the licensee to, at a minimum, extensively alter its transmitter and to purchase a wholly new antenna. At the worst and in the more likely circumstance, WSOT-LP simply has no future.

**C. The Licensee Counterproposal**

3. There appear to be alternate channels available for assignment to both Fort Wayne and Indianapolis which would permit the continued operation of WSOT-LP on channel 25. See, Exhibit 1, page 1. According to the MSTV/NAB computer study, "Alternate DTV Channel Assignments in the Continental United States," dated May 28, 1997, DTV channel 31 could be assigned to WPTA instead of channel 24, and channel 34 could be assigned to WRTV as its DTV assignment instead of channel 25. These alternate assignments can be made without disrupting or ending any LPTV service, and without effecting the remainder of the Commission's proposed DTV Table of Allotments. See, Exhibit 1, p. 1. Because the licensee has been unable to access the complex computer software necessary to make such studies, the licensee has not been able to make a detailed study of these proposed frequencies with respect to the replication of NTSC coverage, nor has it been able to calculate the interference areas between and among DTV and NTSC facilities. It should be noted here, however, that the MSTV/NAB study also shows that channels other than 31 and 34 could be assigned to Fort Wayne and Indianapolis without any adverse impact on the Commission's proposed table of DTV allocations.

**D. The Public Interest**

**1. The Community of Marion, Indiana**

4. Marion is a community of over 32,000 located in Grant County, Indiana. Only one television station, WNDY, is licensed to Marion, and that station's studio is located in Indianapolis at the

Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the station doesn't even have a local office. See, Statement of David M. Trimble, Exhibit 2, p. 1. Because it is a smaller community located approximately 70 miles from Indianapolis and 50 miles from Fort Wayne, Marion receives very little, if any, service from stations serving those communities. As Sunnycrest's vice president avers, Marion "...is noticed, if at all, only when something negative happens." Id. It is far to say, then, that Marion and the surrounding communities are almost wholly bereft of any local television service, except, as will be shown below, that service which is provided by WSOT-LP.

## **2. The Station's Existing Broadcast Service**

5. WSOT-LP went on the air in 1990, and since then has been operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. See, Exhibit 2, p. 1. The station's program schedule is heavily leavened with local productions, averaging over 20 hours per week of unduplicated local programming. Id. That local programming includes a heavy dollop of local sports programming, including the broadcast of high school football games, boy's and girl's high school basketball games, baseball games, girl's gymnastics and volleyball games, and the football games of Taylor University, a university located ten miles away in Upland, Indiana. Exhibit 2, p. 2 The station features, on a regular basis, live local interactive call-in shows involving Marion's mayor answering phone questions (City Talks) and talk shows on sports(Sports Talk) and finances (Money Matters). WSOT-LP's local program schedule also includes: City Talk II, a magazine format program featuring positive stories about the community;

Informal Forum, an issues-oriented program hosted by local talent; and, Super Sixties, a local show featuring the meetings of an organization of local seniors. Exhibit 2, p. 3. WSOT-LP also broadcasts a great deal of special event local programming. During the election season WSOT-LP broadcasts debates between candidates for Congress, the state senate and state assembly, and for Mayor of Marion. WSOT-LP likewise co-hosts and broadcasts, in cooperation with the Marion/Grant County Chamber of Commerce, round table discussions with candidates for the local school board, as well as an annual forum of candidates for other local office.

6. Finally, WSOT-LP provides a great deal of special event programming of particular interest and importance to the community. For example, WSOT-LP annually broadcasts the regionally famous Marion Christmas parade, and the James Dean Festival Parade which origins in Dean's home town of Fairmount, Indiana. In conjunction with various other local organizations WSOT-LP co-hosts and broadcasts a yearly live local auction to benefit needy families. Likewise, WSOT-LP also co-hosts and broadcasts a fundraising program for the Walkway of Lights, an important local Christmas season activity.

7. WSOT-LP long-standing and deep involvement in the community is recognized and appreciated by the community, which recognizes the value of WSOT-LP's broadcast service. Attached in Exhibit 3 are 28 letters from Marion and Grant County residents recounting the benefits which WSOT-LP's service provides the community. Among the letters are letters from the mayors of Marion

and nearby Gas City, Indiana; from four of Marion's city council members; from the honorable Steven Buyer, the Member for Congress from the district which includes Marion; from the members of the Indiana State Senate and Assembly which represent Marion; from three principals of high schools in the Gas City, Marion, and Fairmount, Indiana; from the leaders of various community organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, the local Sheriff, and, the jail chaplain. Finally, and perhaps most incongruously given the usual relationship between local cable systems and the owners of LPTV stations, is a letter from the general manager of the local cable system attesting to the fact that the station "broadcasts programs important to the life of the community" and expressing the hope that "WSOT will remain a broadcaster serving the needs of Grant County Citizens." See, Exhibit 3, letter of Cal Blumhorst. When the local cable system is willing to go on the record concerning the contributions and broadcast excellence of a low power television station the station is clearly doing a remarkable job of serving the community.

**3. Both Congress and the Commission Have Recognized that Protecting Existing LPTV Service Is In the Public Interest**

8. Both Congress and the Commission have recognized the important role that LPTV stations, such as WSOT-LP, fulfill, particularly in providing television service to small and underserved communities. Congress has shown that it regards LPTV stations as providing an essential and unduplicated public service by legislating that LPTV stations were, under certain conditions,

eligible, for the first time, for mandatory carriage status on local cable systems. See, 47 U.S.C. §614(h)(2). In providing for that protection, however, Congress also made clear that its intent was to protect LPTV stations that provided local service to underserved communities. Clearly WSOT-LP's service to Marion, as described in greater detail above, more than satisfies both the letter and intent of the local service criteria set by Congress for mandatory carriage status. A more recent expression of Congress' recognition of the role LPTV stations play in providing broadcast service to a number of primarily rural Americans was contained in the introduction, on May 6, 1997, of the "Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1997," H.R. 1539, a bill which would provide certain protection to LPTV stations broadcasting three hours of local programming per week, which had no less than 33 co-sponsors. If three hours of local programming is the Congressional benchmark for the provision of local service valuable enough to be legislatively protected, then how valuable can WSOT-LP's local service be accounted, since it provides more than seven times the amount of local programming per week which the legislation would establish as a benchmark.

9. Finally, the Sixth Report and Order itself also "recognized the benefits that low power television stations provide to the public." Sixth Report and Order In MM Docket No. 87-268, 62 FR 26684, ¶ 114. In the Sixth Report and Order the Commission made clear its stated purpose to adopt a table of DTV allocations which would "minimize the impact on LPTV stations." Sixth Report and

Order, supra, ¶ 142. By the adoption of Sunnycrest's allocation proposals the Commission has the opportunity to further both the objectives of the Sixth Report, providing for maximum DTV coverage while protecting what is clearly a valuable broadcast station providing a needed local service to an underserved community. Not only is the WSOT-LP service which would be protected local, and well regarded by the community, it is also service of long standing, of almost seven years duration, upon which, as the testimonials attached hereto are irrefutable evidence, the community has come to depend. Moreover, because alternate channels are available for assignment as DTV channels to Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, the Commission has an opportunity to "minimize the impact" of DTV on at least one LPTV station. Adoption of Sunnycrest's proposal does not provide an inferior channel to either Fort Wayne or Indianapolis, and protects a valuable local broadcast service from, at a minimum, disruption, and, possibly, extinction. The people of Marion have a right to expect that they can continue to receive what is a valuable local service, particularly when the service can be protected at so little a cost. Clearly the public interest is best served by protected the existing, long-standing unduplicated and meritorious local service provided by WSOT-LP.

**E. Conclusion**

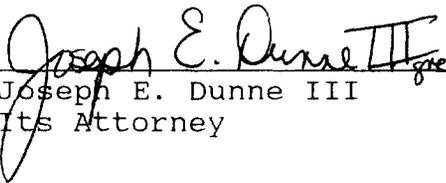
10. Marion is essentially a community with little or no local broadcast service. WSOT-LP is a licensee with a solid record over almost seven years of providing an average of 20 hours per week of

unduplicated local program service. That local programming has run the gamut from local sports programming to talk shows to variety shows, shows with magazine formats, even religious programming. WSOT-LP during its time on the air has been a good citizen and has attempted to educate and involve voters by broadcasting debates and forums involving political candidates. The station has a consistent record of broadcasting local events of significance to the community--events which affirm the identity and vitality of the community and its residents. The station's outstanding broadcast service is recognized by a number of citizens, members of local organizations, local political leaders, local school officials, even the manager of the local cable system. Sunnycrest's proposed alternate channels are in no way inferior to the channels assigned by the Commission, and do not disrupt the proposed table of allocations in any way. Adopting Sunnycrest's counterproposal will protect the outstanding local broadcast service that the residents of Marion and Grant County have come to depend on from WSOT-LP. The adoption of the allocations proposed here will further the policy objectives of the Sixth Report and Order and preserve a valuable community resource. The public interest is clearly served by the adoption of the alternate channels herein proposed.

**WHEREFORE**, the foregoing considered, Sunnycrest Media, Inc. respectfully requests the Commission to reconsider its action assigning channels 24 and 25 to WPTA, Fort Wayne and WRTV, Indianapolis, and assign channels 31 and 34, respectively, to those stations.

Respectfully Submitted,

**SUNNYCREST MEDIA, INC.**

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**SUNNYCREST MEDIA, INC.**

**EXHIBIT 1**

**ENGINEERING STATEMENT**

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The engineering data contained herein have been prepared on behalf of SUNNYCREST MEDIA, INC. ("Sunnycrest"), licensee of Low-Power Television Station WSOT-LP, Channel 25, Marion, Indiana, in support of its Petition for Reconsideration of the Commission's *Sixth Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 87-268 concerning the implementation of digital television (DTV) service.

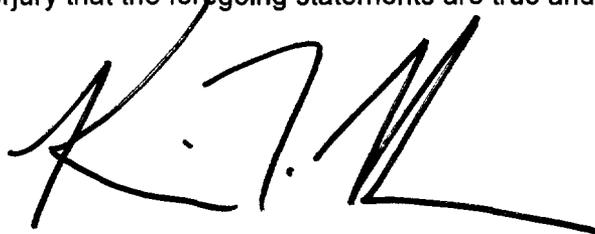
In this proceeding the FCC assigned DTV channels to all eligible full-service television stations in the United States. However, in doing so, the Commission assigned DTV Channel 24 to WPTA, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and DTV Channel 25 to WRTV, Indianapolis. These stations are 43 and 56 miles, respectively, from the WSOT-LP transmitter site. At such distances WSOT-LP will cause interference to and receive interference from these two DTV facilities. As a result, the operation of either DTV station will force WSOT-LP to cease operation on Channel 25. Should no alternative LPTV channel be available in Marion, WSOT-LP will have to shut down entirely.

There do appear to be alternative DTV channels that could be assigned to WPTA and WRTV. According to an MSTV/NAB computer study, "Alternative DTV Channel Assignments in the Continental United States," dated May 28, 1997, DTV Channel 31 could be assigned to WPTA, and DTV Channel 34 could be assigned to WRTV. These assignments can be made without displacing any LPTV or TV translator facility and without affecting the rest of the FCC's DTV Table of Allotments. Further, the MSTV/NAB study identified several other alternative channels for WPTA and WRTV.

It must be noted that we did not conduct a detailed study of these alternative DTV channels with respect to replication of NTSC coverage, nor did we calculate interference areas between and among DTV and NTSC facilities, since the complex computer software that the FCC used to generate its proposed Table of Allotments is not accessible to the public. Therefore, further study of Sunnycrest's proposed alternative allotments may be required, or other alternative channels may be found to be better substitutes than those requested herein.

For now, based upon the information at hand, it is requested that the Commission assign DTV Channel 31 to WPTA, Fort Wayne, and DTV Channel 34 to WRTV, Indianapolis. This action is clearly in the public interest, since it protects the viewers of WSOT-LP from the loss of valued programming, and at the same time assists the FCC's implementation of the new DTV service in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. The Commission has stated that a goal of this proceeding is to minimize the impact of DTV on the LPTV and television translator segment of the broadcasting industry. Adoption of these alternative channels for WPTA and WRTV would do just that.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. T. Fisher', written over a horizontal line.

KEVIN T. FISHER

June 11, 1997

**SUNNYCREST MEDIA, INC.**

**EXHIBIT 2**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF DAVID M. TRIMBLE**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT**

I, David M. Trimble, hereby affirm that the following statement is made under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Indiana, and is true and correct.

1. I am the vice president of Sunnycrest Media, Inc. the licensee of low power television station WSOT-LP, Marion, Indiana. I also serve as the general manager of WSOT-LP. Sunnycrest Media, Inc. is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation.

2. Marion, our community of license, is a community of over 32,000 located in Grant County, Indiana. Only one television station is licensed to Marion, WNDY, channel 23, and, as will be shown below, channel 23 does not have much of a local presence nor does it broadcast much local programming.

3. We filed an application for an LPTV station in 1989, and we began broadcasting on November 25, 1990. We have now been on-the-air for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for over six years. We believe we are providing a valuable local service to Marion, and to residents of the Grant County area. Marion is located approximately 70 miles from Indianapolis and 50 miles from Fort Wayne. Stations in neither of these communities cover local events in Marion or Grant County on a consistent basis, and we are noticed, if ever, only when something negative happens.

4. WNDY, channel 23, is a full power station licensed to Marion, but their main studio is located at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in downtown Indianapolis. WNDY has no local office nor, indeed, any local presence, in Marion.

5. The main attraction to our programming is its local content. A current schedule of our programming is included in Attachment A. WSOT-LP averages about 15 to 20 hours of local programming per week. We just finished our seventh season broadcasting local high school sporting events. During this past season we broadcast 14 weeks of football games, 34 basketball games (both boys and girls), 10 baseball games, girl's volleyball games and girl's gymnastics. We also broadcast the basketball games of a local university, Taylor University, located in Upland, Indiana, just 10 miles from Marion. All year long local sports is an important facet of our local programming.

6. During the over six years that we have served Marion, we have produced and broadcast a number of local community productions. These broadcasts included local music programs, local parades, and local election coverage. We try to be a responsible citizen and to educate and inform local voters. WSOT-LP sponsored and broadcasts local election debates between candidates for Congress; for the state senate and for state representative; and for Mayor of Marion. In addition, WSOT-LP, in cooperation with the Marion/Grant County Chamber of Commerce, co-hosts a round table discussion with candidates for the Marion School Board. Again, in cooperation with the Marion/Grant County Chamber of Commerce WSOT-LP also co-hosts an annual forum of candidates for local political office.

7. WSOT-LP is proud of the fact that it produces and broadcasts three live interactive call-in programs. One, City Talk, features the Mayor of Marion answering questions concerning

city concerns; Money Matters is a live call-in program about finances and investment; and, Sports Talk is a live call-in program about local sports. Other local programs which are now broadcast by WSOT-LP include: City Talk II, a magazine format show featuring positive stories about the community; Gospel Praise, a weekly gospel music program hosted by a local resident, Jeff Timmons, and featuring local talent; Informal Forum, an issues-oriented program hosted by local talent featuring local guests; Springs of Living Water, a weekly taped worship service produced by Sunnycrest Baptist Church in Marion; TV-25 Presents, a weekly program featuring local speakers, musicians and variety programming from Marion and the Grant County Area; Super Sixties, a local program featuring the Super Sixties of Marion meeting, an organization for local seniors, which meets regularly and provides inspirational and informational programs for local seniors; Sewing Basket, which features a local businesswoman, Betty Garinger, demonstrating sewing techniques; and, Outdoor USA, featuring a local outdoorsman visiting favorite local and regional hunting and fishing spots.

8. In addition to this regular schedule of local programs, WSOT-LP also broadcasts a great many special event local programs. One of the most important is the James Dean Festival Parade, a parade originating in Dean's home town of Fairmont which airs the last weekend of September. WSOT-LP also broadcast the Christmas City Parade, the regionally famous Marion Christmas parade on Thanksgiving weekend. WSOT-LP also proudly supports several local community charity events. For example, WSOT-LP, in cooperation with the UAW Retiree organization and the Care and Share

organization, co-hosts a yearly live television auction to help needy families in the community. WSOT-LP also co-hosts a live call-in fundraising program for the Walkway of Lights, a five mile display of lights in Marion erected during the Christmas season.

9. At WSOT-LP we are proud of the service that we provide to the community, and of our contribution to making the community aware of itself and its resources. We are a nonprofit organization, so we can honestly say that if we were to lose the right to operate on channel 25 it would be the community, and not the licensee, that would be the real loser.

David M. Trimble  
David M. Trimble

Executed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1997.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>WSOT - TV 25</b>		Sunnycrest Media, Inc. 2172 Chapel Pike Marion, In. 46962 (317) 888-1014						
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4:30 AM	Day of Discovery	Holy Land	Doble Gillis		Doble Gillis		Doble Gillis	
5:00 AM	Living By Word	The Real Mc Coys		The Real Mc Coys		The Real Mc Coys	Beverly Exercise	
5:30 AM	Christian World News	You Need To Know		You Need To Know		You Need To Know	Paul Gaudino	
6:00 AM	The King Is Coming	Ag Day		Ag Day		Ag Day	Plant Groom	
6:30 AM	The Lesson	First Business		First Business		First Business	Date w/ the Angels	
7:00 AM	Dave Breece	Beverly Exercise		Beverly Exercise		Beverly Exercise	Flying House	
7:30 AM	Winning Walk	Life Lessons with Ron Hembree			Life Lessons with Ron Hembree		Brentwood Kids	
8:00 AM	Frazer Family Hour	First Baptist Dallas		In Touch		Landmark Baptist	Kids Like You	
8:30 AM							Camp Cariboo	
9:00 AM	Love Worth Finding	Home Life		Home Life	Home Life	Home Life		
9:30 AM		Herman&Sharon		Herman&Sharon	Herman&Sharon	Herman&Sharon		
10:00 AM	Southern Stage	Cope		Cope		Cope		
10:30 AM	Changed Lives							This Week in Baseball
11:00 AM		Washington Report	American Adventure	Babe Winkelman	Real Fishing	How Can I Live?	Sports Week	
11:30 AM		It's Your Business	Cross Talk	Marriage/Family			Lighter Side of Sports	
12:00 PM		The Afternoon Movie		The Afternoon Movie		The Afternoon Movie	Animal Adventure	
12:30 PM	Day of Discovery							Animal Doctor
1:00 PM	U.S. Farm Report							Wild About Animals
1:30 PM	Wall St. Journal							American Adventure
2:00 PM	It's Your Business	Just For Parents		Wall Street Journal	Christian World Now	Portrait Of Marriage	Flightline	
2:30 PM	Our House	Ozzie & Harriet	Ozzie & Harriet	Ozzie & Harriet	Ozzie & Harriet	Ozzie & Harriet	Outdoor Gazette	
3:00 PM	Plant Groom	Camp Cariboo	Just Kids	Brentwood Kids	Kingdom Adventures	Gerbert	Babe Winkelman	
3:30 PM	Variety Programming	Super Book		Super Book		Super Book		
4:00 PM	Real Fishing	Flying House		Flying House		Flying House	Young America	
4:30 PM	Americana Outdoors	Danny Thomas	Curtis Archer	Mother In-Law	Date With The Angels	You Bet Your Life	Motor Sports	
5:00 PM	Invitation To Life	The Real McCoy's		The Real McCoy's		The Real McCoy's	Raceline	
5:30 PM		Doble Gillis		Doble Gillis		Doble Gillis	Country Crossroads	
6:00 PM		I Love Lucy		I Love Lucy		I Love Lucy	Southern Stage	
6:30 PM		The Andy Griffith Show		The Andy Griffith Show		The Andy Griffith Show	The Clark Family	
7:00 PM		Springs of Living Water		Proclaim		Springs of Living Water		
7:30 PM	Portrait of Marriage			Sports Week				
8:00 PM	In Touch	This Week in Baseball	Animal Adventures			Wild About Animals	Phipps Gospel	
8:30 PM		Lighter Side of Sports				John Ankerberg		
9:00 PM	Bonanza	Monday Night Movie		Wednesday Night Movie		Friday Night Movie	Family Theatre	
9:30 PM			Act It Out					
10:00 PM	Family Enrichment		John Ankerberg		Gather's Homecoming			
10:30 PM								
11:00 PM	1st Baptist Jacksonville	Day of Discovery	Love Worth Finding	Dr. James Kennedy	1st Baptist Jacksonville			
11:30 PM		Winning Walk					Believe	
12:00 AM	Straight Talk From Teens	Variety Programming		Variety Programming			Act It Out	
12:30 AM		Variety Programming		Variety Programming		Variety Programming		
1:00 AM	Bonanza	Cope		Cope		Cope	Solid Rock VDO	
1:30 AM		Cope		Cope		Cope		
2:00 AM	It's Your Business	Faithprints	Family Showcase	Family Enrichment	Gather Homecoming	Straight Talk from Teens	Family Theatre	
2:30 AM	Central Message							
3:00 AM	Portrait of Marriage	Family Net Movie Classic		Family Net Movie Classic		Family Net Movie Classic		
3:30 AM	Christian World News							
4:00 AM	Prophecy In News							Joy of Music

**SUNNYCREST MEDIA, INC.**

**EXHIBIT 3**

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR WSOT-LP**

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5TH DISTRICT, INDIANA

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**The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington DC 20554**

**Dear Chairman Hundt:**

I am writing in regards to WSOT TV-25, based in Marion, Indiana.

For over six years, WSOT TV-25 has been an active part of the communities in the Grant County area. It provides a wide array of local broadcasting which is an essential component in representing and promoting the nearby communities.

I would appreciate your consideration of every alternative to see that WSOT TV-25 remain an active broadcaster in the Marion and Grant County area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

**Steve Buyer  
Member of Congress**

SB:ms



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June 10, 1997

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to inform you that WSOT TV-25 has been an active part of our community for six and a half years. TV-25 provides local broadcasting that is vital to our community life.

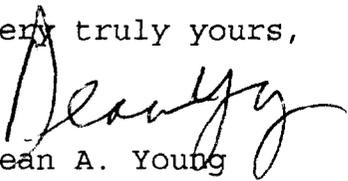
As the State Representative for much of TV-25's viewing area I can assure you the public has benefitted greatly from the local programming TV-25 provides. This programming has included public forums for state legislative issues, as well as many other civic contributions.

TV-25 has always attempted to service the Marion and Grant County area by being a community broadcaster. It is an essential component in representing and promoting our community.

I request that the FCC do everything possible to see that WSOT TV-25 remain an active broadcaster in the Marion and Grant County area.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Dean A. Young

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June 11, 1997

To Whom it May Concern:

WSOT TV-25, in the nearly seven years of its existence, has become a very valued part of our community. The local broadcasting that TV-25 has provided over these years has been extremely vital to the quality of life in our entire community.

Whether it be high school sporting events, political debates, fundraising auctions to benefit the needy, or various activities in our community, WSOT TV-25 has done an outstanding job of being a community broadcaster. I know, from personal experience, with reports from the Statehouse, it has been invaluable to me in communicating with my constituents.

WSOT TV-25 is a very active, essential and valuable part of our community and I would request the FCC to do all in its power to see that they remain an active broadcaster in the Marion and Grant County area.

Thanks, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Eric Turner".

P. Eric Turner  
Representative

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