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The Honorable Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission 445  
12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We are contacting you today in support of Hudson County New Jersey's petition for reconsideration of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) decision denying the waiver to operate its Travelers Information Station (TIS) at 100 watts. We urge you to give their petition your utmost consideration.

We have been informed that the County has conducted extensive technical research regarding the potential interference of its TIS broadcast with WRRCR, a proposed AM station based out of Rockland County, NY that will be broadcasting at 1700 kHz, and that the County's engineering experts have concluded that actual interference is highly unlikely.

Further, the County has informed us that it has contacted WRRCR directly and that the AM station has agreed to allow the County to operate its TIS at 100 watts. As part of the agreement between the County and WRRCR, the County has committed to end any interference that may occur as a result of its TIS operating at 100 watts.

As you know, this new AM station is not yet built, so there is nothing for the TIS to interfere with at this time. Nevertheless, the County is pleased that WRRCR has agreed to allow it to continue its higher-power operation into the period when the AM station begins its new broadcast at 1700 kHz.

Since Hudson County is one of the most densely populated and travelled parts of the country, we strongly support the County's efforts to increase their reach to residents during times of catastrophic events. Right now the station only reaches 10 percent of the population and, as evident during Superstorm Sandy, when power outages occur for days, residents and travelers look to the local TIS for emergency information. We are concerned that without the ability to reach a wider audience, many residents and travelers will be unprepared during times of disaster.

We respectfully encourage the FCC to work with Hudson County to ensure that the local TIS is able to increase its wattage so it may reach the appropriate audience to guarantee the safety of the public during times of disaster. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez  
United States Senator



Albio Sires  
Member of Congress



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Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator



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Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Member of Congress



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Donald M. Payne, Jr.  
Member of Congress



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WASHINGTON

March 17, 2015

The Honorable Donald M. Payne  
U.S. House of Representatives  
103 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Payne:

Thank you for your letter concerning Hudson County, New Jersey's pending petition for reconsideration of a Commission decision denying the County's request for modification of Traveler Information Station WQFG689. I appreciate your views and efforts on getting residents and travelers emergency information during times of disaster. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

Last June, Commission staff met with representatives from Hudson County, as well as staff from various Congressional offices, to discuss Hudson's pending petition for reconsideration. During the course of the meeting, representatives of Hudson County indicated that they needed additional time to complete an interference field measurements study, as well as continue their discussions with the AM station WRKR.

On November 25, 2014, counsel to the County indicated that Station WRKR had orally consented to the County's request, and the County would file the written agreement as part of the record. Subsequent to your letter, Commission staff contacted the County concerning any additional information that they planned on submitting to the Commission. Most recently, on January 27, 2015, the County informed FCC staff that it expected a signed agreement and that it would file the agreement with the results of their field measurements to the Commission. To date, the Commission has not received any further information. In the meantime, we will continue to work with Hudson County on this matter.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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2370 Rayburn House Office Building  
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