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To Whom It May Concern,

We own and operate two AM Stations in northwest Iowa. KAYL- AM is licensed to Storm Lake IA and KSOU- AM is licensed to Sioux Center IA. Both are small communities with populations less than 10,000.

A few years ago we hired a consulting firm to help us research and find FM translators for these stations so we could better serve the communities. We were able to find and purchase a FM translator for KAYL FM in Storm Lake. This translator has allowed us to provide improved Hispanic programming to benefit the growing Spanish population of Storm Lake, which is currently over 30%. Since we acquired the translator, this station is doing much better and we receive many positive comments from the community. For example, we now have better coverage at night which allows us to broadcast more local evening sporting events and have better severe weather coverage during evening and overnight hours.

However, we have been unable to find a translator for KSOU AM in Sioux Center. There are no translator licenses within this station's service area so we started looking for a licensed translator outside our contour that could possibly be moved in to rebroadcast KSOU's programming, but no such translator exist.

Unfortunately, Sioux Center is located near the South Dakota and Iowa borders, halfway between the much larger communities of Sioux Fall, SD and Sioux City, IA. Every translator that would be potentially available to possibly relocate for use by KSOU is already being used by other stations in either Sioux Falls or Sioux City, and are not for sale at any price.

If the FCC were to open a translator window for AM stations, I am sure that we could obtain a translator without affecting any other stations because there are plenty of open FM frequencies in Sioux Center. We just need the opportunity. With a translator we could serve the communities with expanded sports, news and weather coverage. Included would be the communities of Orange City, Hull, Rock Valley, Rock Rapids, Hawarden and Inwood Iowa.

At this point our only hope was participating in a translator filing window. I sincerely hope you will follow through on the FCC's promise to open a window.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil Lipetzky", written over a horizontal line.

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