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Honorable Christopher J. Dodd, U.S. Senator
Honorable Joseph Lieberman, U.S. Senator
Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, U.S. Representative

Dear Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and Representative DeLauro,

As Alderpeople from the City of New Haven, we write in strong support of La Nueva Radio Musical, a low-power "microbroadcast" Fair Haven-based radio station which is providing a highly valued public service to our local Hispanic community. We are aware that the Federal Communications Commission is currently considering a proposal that would allow for licensing of low-powered community stations like this facility. We ask that you please work with the FCC to expedite this process, as well as to find a way to grant La Nueva Radio Musical a waiver or extension so that they can stay on the air until such new rules are developed. This might perhaps involve intervening with Vincent Kajunski, district director for the FCC's New England field office in Boston.

La Nueva Radio Musical is a tremendous asset to New Haven's Latino residents, filling a vital need in the lives of our constituents that would otherwise go unaddressed. Since it was launched this past January, the station has been performing a great service in entertaining, informing and uniting this rapidly growing segment of New Haven's population. Recently, for instance, the station raised more than \$25,000 for the victims of Hurricane Georges and held a fund-raiser for Hurricane Mitch survivors. It is absolutely essential that La Nueva Radio Musical be kept on the air now and in the future, and we ask that that you please do everything in your power to see that this crucial community resource can continue its operations.

Currently, the FCC does not license radio stations with less than 100 watts of power, and La Nueva Radio Musical, which broadcasts at 104.5 FM, has about 92 watts. The situation reached a critical juncture yesterday, November 4, 1998, when FCC field agents visited the operation at 286 Grand Ave., and ordered station owners Hipolito Cuevas and Pedro Jimenez to shut the radio station down or be visited by U.S. marshals. Cuevas has indicated that he is willing to hire an engineer and even pay the \$2,600 application fee,

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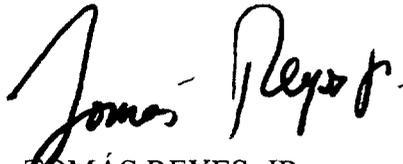
but that there is presently no license category for "microbroadcast" operations like La Nueva Radio Musical.

Again, we strongly believe that La Nueva Radio Musical provides an important community service to the underserved local Latino community and that we cannot allow it to be driven out of existence. Our constituents, who of course, are also your constituents, would greatly appreciate your doing everything that you can to see that the FCC adopts new rules that would permit so-called "microbroadcasters" to operate, and that in the short-term, grants a waiver to allow La Nueva Radio Musical to remain on the air. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter of the most urgent concern to the members of our community.

Sincerely,



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