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Ms. Sheryl Wilkerson  
Director  
Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Ms. Wilkerson:

I received information from FM radio stations in Minnesota regarding the FCC decision on Low Power FM radio stations. They expressed substantial concerns about interference. I want to register my concerns about this issue and request that the FCC undertakes engineering studies to fully address these concerns and to modify the ruling to ensure that such interference does not occur.

Moreover, there are special concerns about interference regarding the Minnesota Services for the Blind. This service uses Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) subcarrier frequencies to bring services like the Radio Talking Book to thousands of visually impaired persons. I hope the FCC consider the full impact of the Low Power FM radio decision on this service.

Rural areas are specially worried about interference. Radio stations serving areas with low density populations, especially public radio stations, need to have a clear frequency so that they can serve a large geographical area. Therefore, the problem of interference is aggravated in rural areas.

Sincerely,

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