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Ms. Sheryl J. Wilkerson  
Director  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Legislative Affairs  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-C453  
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Mrs. Wilkerson*

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Dear Ms. Wilkerson:

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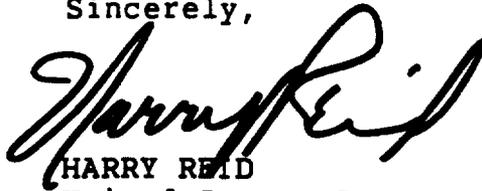
Enclosed is a letter I have received from David Gordon.

I would appreciate your reviewing this situation and providing answers to my constituent's concern. Please send your reply directly to Mr. Gordon.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,



HARRY REID  
United States Senator

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The Honorable Harry Reid  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

I am writing you regarding the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) recent decision to authorize the creation of a low-power FM service (LPFM).

We are very concerned about the impact of the FCC's decision will have on the clarity of our broadcasts. The FCC has decided to proceed with this new service which will allow many new tiny radio stations, having service areas in some cases less than one mile, throughout the country without properly analyzing the impact on existing broadcasters. These new LPFM stations will be allowed on the dial without the standard consideration currently given educational/public broadcasters for protection from interference. There is no doubt that our ability to serve many our distant listeners will be compromised.

Further, the FCC made its decision without having decided on a new digital standard for radio broadcasting or having any real knowledge about the impact this frivolous low power service will have on the proposed digital transmission methods that all existing stations will use.

I urge you to contact FCC Chairman William Kennard to ask that he await the results of comprehensive on-air interference testing and the resolution of a number of related issues prior to issuing LPFM licenses. The FCC must also create a swift, fair process to remedy any interference to full service stations as well as translators such as those used by KUNR to bring its signal to many remote areas throughout our state.

Further, we ask that you sign on as a cosponsor to S.2068 introduced by Senator Judd Gregg. The intent of Senator Judd's proposal is to reverse the FCC's recent action in this matter.

*we should address this with the FCC*

While we appreciate the FCC's goal of increasing diversity on the air-waves in light of the consolidation of the commercial broadcasting industry, it makes little policy or technical sense to do so at the expense of our hard-built audiences and long-term history of educational service.

If you or your staff have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David Gordon  
Station Manager

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