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The Honorable John Breaux
516 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Breaux:

I am writing on behalf of the 59,000 listeners of WRKF in Baton Rouge with regard to the Federal Communications Commission's recent ruling to authorize the creation of a low power FM service.

While we applaud the FCC's goal of increasing community-based broadcasting, it makes little policy sense to do so at the expense of the local and community programming provided today by this and other public radio stations. There are several significant issues the FCC failed to adequately address in its low-power FM Report & Order that may impact public radio audiences in Louisiana:

1. The FCC must create a swift, fair process to remedy any interference to full service stations and translator inputs.
2. The FCC order requires future translators to protect low-power FM stations, making it potentially much harder to establish new translator service to reach unserved and underserved areas.
3. The low-power decision was announced just days before comments were due on the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the transition of analog radio station to digital audio broadcasting. It is imprudent of the FCC to act on low-power FM without fully exploring the potential adverse consequences of its actions to digital broadcasting.

I ask you to contact the FCC regarding these concerns. The FCC should not proceed with issuing low-power FM licenses until the Commission is able to resolve these issues.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,



Eric DeWeese,
President and
General Manager

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