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(Re: MM Docket No. 01-120/
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Ms. Megalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, N. W.
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms Salas:

This writing is in reference to the above Docket # which is before the Commission regarding a request to change the city of license of Radio Station WMHX, 93.9 - FM (channel 230B1) from Lincoln, IL to Sherman, IL.

There is a bit of history behind this situation. WMHX at 93.9 is what was the "original" Lincoln FM radio station, which was licensed at 100.1 (3,000 watts), and was physically located in Lincoln, IL. The frequency of the Lincoln FM Station was changed to 93.9 and then moved Williamsville, IL, approximately 15 miles south of Lincoln with a power change to 25,000 watts. At this time, though the station continued to provide a "city grade" signal to Lincoln, the primary focus was on Springfield, IL, which has numerous stations providing service to that area. What was left in Lincoln was a Daytime AM station at 1370. Because of daytime operational hours and restrictions involved, the Lincoln AM station is unable to provide the coverage or community support of the original FM station in Lincoln, or of the current WMHX. Though Lincoln's WLLM-AM has a "low power" authorization (approximately 35 watts after sunset) it does not have adequate coverage of Logan County for Sports, News or Emergency related Coverage.

WLNK-FM, which is also in Lincoln, is a Lincoln College (non-commercial) station and when on the air, it is extremely limited in operational hours with factually no real service to the community of Lincoln. It is on the air when they have students to operate the facility, so it is on and off the air as they chose.

Lincoln, IL is a community with a population of approximately 15,500 people. The newly proposed city of License of Sherman, IL has a population of approximately 2,500, a considerable difference. Lincoln, IL has a work force at better than 11,000 people, a sizeable community compared to Sherman, IL. Lincoln has its own park district, seven (7) Elementary Schools; a Junior High and High School; a Community College; a Private College and Seminary. Sherman does not support any of these nor does it have middle or High School facilities. So the change of city license does not serve the greater public interest.

As a member of the Lincoln / Logan County Chamber of Commerce and a Retailer in the city of Lincoln, this proposed change of license is not in the best

interests of my Retail Business nor the Lincoln community, which is what the Commerce Commission had intended for the Station at question to serve. The change has the potential to adversely affect the community at large, leaving the city of Lincoln without adequate Radio Station Service or Support. The Lincoln / Logan County community would most likely lose their primary signal coverage from this station if this city of license change is allowed. This will adversely affect businesses and residents of the area.

For these reasons we are requesting that the Commission deny this request for change of City license for WHMX-FM from Lincoln, IL to Sherman, IL.

Your consideration is requested.

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