

February 17, 2002.

Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20445

Re: Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial  
Broadcast Service.  
MM Docket No. 99-325

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of the Maumee Valley Broadcasting Inc. of Holland, Ohio, I am submitting these comments in response to the Commission's December 19, 2001 Public Notice in the above referenced proceeding.

Maumee Valley Broadcasting Inc. is a non-profit independent owner of WPOS-FM serving the Northwest Ohio and South East Michigan market. This includes eight counties in Ohio and three counties in Michigan.

We have followed the development of IBOC DAB radio for the past two years and believe it to be in the spirit and wishes of congress as they passed the historic communications bill of 1995. This new technology will spur on competition and not hurt present analog operations. It will enhance our service to the public as well as to our faithful listeners.

The IBOC technology will bring more money to the economy as well as revitalize AM and FM radio. This technology is vital to the survival of AM and FM radio as we know it today. Satellite radio will become the dominate player if the independent stations are not aloud to compete. We believe in this technology and are willing to spend up to \$100,000 this year to upgrade our facilities and by doing so will enable us to compete in the market of listeners and benefit from this technology over the next twenty years.

Please let us encourage you to ensure that all of your concerns are met, then with out hesitation approve this new technology to go forward for the benefit of our industry as we serve the American People.

Respectfully submitted,

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Radio Engineer