

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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2006 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	MB Docket No. 06-121
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2002 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	MB Docket No. 02-277
)	
Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers)	MM Docket No. 01-235
)	
Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets)	MM Docket No. 01-317
)	
Definition of Radio Markets)	MM Docket No. 00-244
)	
Ways to Further Section 257 Mandate and To Build on Earlier Studies)	MB Docket No. 04-228

REPLY COMMENTS OF BARRINGTON BROADCASTING GROUP

Barrington Broadcasting Group (“Barrington”) hereby submits these Reply Comments in response to the *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*¹ issued by the Commission in the above-referenced proceedings on August 1, 2007. Barrington supports any proposal that meaningfully, reasonably, and effectively advances the cause of increased minority

¹ 2006 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, FCC 07-136 (rel. Aug. 1, 2007).

ownership in radio and television, a goal Barrington shares with both MMTC and the Commission.

Specifically, Barrington highlights its support for the tax certificate proposal embodied in proposed legislation presently before Congress and in MMTC's Proposal 24,² which Barrington believes will expeditiously, directly and effectively promote diversity in radio and television ownership. As noted by the Diversity and Competition Supporters, the Commission's previous Tax Certificate Policy was responsible for a substantial increase in the amount of minority-owned broadcast stations.³ The renewed ability to defer capital gains taxes will encourage station owners to sell their stations to a socially and economically disadvantaged business (SDB). Current station owners who sell a station to an SDB will benefit from increased tax savings, while SDBs will benefit from increased ownership opportunities. The Tax Certificate Policy has consistently enjoyed the widespread support of "major broadcast companies, public interest [groups] and civil rights organizations."⁴ Barrington reiterates its support for this important program.⁵

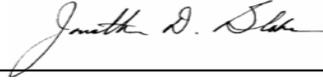
² See Initial Comments of the Diversity and Competition Supporters in Response to the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 1, at 28-29.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* at 29.

⁵ Barrington previously expressed support for a tax certificate program in this proceeding as a member of the Coalition of Smaller Market Television Stations. See Reply Comments of the Coalition of Smaller Market Television Stations, MB Docket No. 06-121 *et al.* (Jan. 16, 2007), at 22-23 (expressing support for the Telecommunications Diversification Ownership Act of 2003).

Respectfully submitted,



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