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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my appreciation to the FCC for giving licensees more latitude in deciding what is appropriate emergency information for their broadcast areas in the proposed TIS Part 90 Rules update. I further appreciate the TIDE [T for Travel, ID for Imminent Danger and E for Emergency information] guidelines that will help us decided what is appropriate.

I also commend the FCC for allowing us to broadcast emergency information for our areas in the proposed rule changes. In my opinion this has the potential to save the lives of residents in our broadcast area. I am in support of the proposal to allow the optional removal of output filters for TIS broadcasts; however, it is my hope that recertification will not be required if said filters are removed.

I am not in favor of the decision not to allow the broadcasting of normal everyday weather forecasts. Even though these forecasts do not contain travel advisories or imminent danger advisories, they still contain essential travel information that will help them avoid traveling in less than desirable conditions.

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