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Commission's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Revitalization of AM Radio Service

MB Docket No. 13-249

This is a comment regarding the NPRM #13-249 regarding "Revitalization of the AM Radio Service". This comment is from the City of Mondovi, Wisconsin and in support of Brian and Karla Winnekins, owner of WRDN-1430AM in Durand, Wisconsin.

WRDN has been the local radio station that covers events in Mondovi and at our local schools. The station is located about 18 miles west of the City of Mondovi. It is where many of our residents turn for local news, area events going on, High School sporting events and especially when bad weather comes into our area. The problem is that at night when they reduce their signal we lose their broadcast. Many of our senior citizens that can't travel to high school sporting events would love to be able to hear them on the radio, but all evening events are lost in the City. We had a tornado touch down a few years ago and take out the power to the City for 2 days, it would have been nice to be able to use portable radios during the evenings to hear what was going on.

The City of Mondovi is in favor of repealing what is known as the ratchet rule as long as stations like WRDN would be allowed to raise their night time power. This raise in power would then help City residents receive WRDN and allow the station to continue to fulfill their public service commitment to our area.

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The City of Mondovi would also support the proposal that would allow existing AM stations like WRDN to file for an FM Translator if the ratchet rule repeal would not help WRDN. We feel that it is important for our residents to receive local broadcasts from WRDN and by having an FM translator we would be able to receive the station at night with no interference and will we would have local radio coverage and public service commitment that FCC is wanting.

The City of Mondovi would like to thank the FCC for recognizing the need to look at ways to help stations like WRDN continue to thrive and serve communities like Durand, Mondovi and the surrounding rural area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Beauchamp". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sharon Beauchamp
Mayor