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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 6, 2013

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Mr. Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

It is my understanding that Esperanza, based in Philadelphia, has submitted an application to the Federal Communications Commission to operate a Low-Power FM Radio Station (LPFM). The purpose of this letter is to express my support for this proposal and urge you to give it full and fair consideration.

Esperanza, founded in 1988, is an organization that has worked tirelessly to comprehensively strengthen Hispanic communities in Philadelphia and around the country. I am informed that Esperanza will use the low-power FM station to fulfill two goals: training community youth in radio production and broadcasting, as well as providing educational radio programming. I understand that the youth radio production and broadcast training will provide a supplemental education to those students studying broadcasting and provide a learning opportunity for youth interested in audio recording and engineering. In addition it appears as though the educational radio broadcasts will provide information essential to the community, touching on pertinent issues such as housing, immigration and workforce development, among other topics. Furthermore, it has been expressed to me that the programming will be implemented in both English and Spanish, providing comprehensive access for community members.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (610) 782-9470.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator



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THE CHAIRMAN

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

March 19, 2014

The Honorable Bob Casey  
United States Senate  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

Thank you for your letter regarding the LPFM application filed by Nueva Esperanza, Inc., in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Esperanza is one of eleven applicants that filed for the same channel (92.9) and location in the Philadelphia area, so it is deemed mutually exclusive (MX) with the other applications. The Commission's Media Bureau issued a Public Notice on December 16, 2013, identifying the groups of MX LPFM applications, and opened a 60-day window within which the applicants in each group may communicate with each other and seek any of several options available to them to resolve the conflicts through settlements and/or technical amendments. The Bureau is currently identifying the tentative selectee(s) in this group and will provide the list to the Commission for a vote in the coming months.

If the MX applicants in their group do not resolve the conflicts, then the Commission awards points to each of the applications in order to determine a tentative selectee(s). The criteria for awarding points are laid out in Section 73.872 of the Commission's Rules (47 CFR § 73.872), and include the applicant's established community presence, proposed operating hours, and local program origination. The Rules also include tie-breaking criteria that will allow the Commission ultimately to select among the applicants.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. The Media Bureau will keep you informed of the status of Esperanza's grant application as requested in your letter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler".

Tom Wheeler