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Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: RM-11727

Dear Secretary:

I Carl Haynes, President of Commander Communications/ WRTM-FM, Sharon, MS supports the FM Class C4 / 73.215 petition filed by SSR Communications and urge the Commission to adopt the proposals.

Being a small broadcaster I know the hardships of owning a Class A station. Many of the small broadcasters got into broadcasting way after the good classes of stations were already taken by large broadcast companies. We struggle with weak signals in small communities that in some cases can not support a radio station by themselves. Often the communities we serve we put signals that can not penetrate the homes and buildings of our listeners. While the Class C4 would extend our signals just marginal, it would give us a more solid signal. The SSR Petition does this for many stations with no adverse condition on other stations, no moves and only a transmitter investment in most cases. This will help the sagging transmitter industry too. Class C4, it's time, it's good for the small broadcaster, hundreds will benefit and this proposal has little or no effect on other broadcasters except

more diversity and competition in the market place and that's certainly in the Public Interest.

73.215, a rule that has outlived it's usefulness. The only thing 73.215 is used for now in most cases is the warehousing of the public spectrum. The SSR petition is a fair way to not do away with this rule, but take it on a case by case triggering application. Simply use it or give another broadcaster the opportunity to improve his or her facility. Many broadcasters have used this rule for over thirty years with no intention of improving their facility. Their only aim...not to let anyone else use it. This is not in the Public Interest! I know of stations that have had their towers destroyed in bad weather and still rebuilt with less than a full class station.

It's time for the Commission to help the small broadcaster by giving us a little better signal, C4 and change 73.215. Let's end the warehousing of the public spectrum. We the small broadcasters are slowly dying and being replaced by major broadcast companies with very little local community involvement or ownership. I pray the Commission will adopt both SSR proposals. The small broadcasters need them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Haynes".

**Carl Haynes, President
Commander Communications**