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The Honorable Daniel Inouye
United States Senate
722 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Inouye:

I write today to express the concerns of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) regarding legislation to exempt Low Power FM (LPFM) stations from third adjacent channel protection requirements.

NAB opposes S.1675, the Local Community Radio Act of 2007. The legislation would allow the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to license thousands of micro-radio stations which will interfere with full power FM radio stations. These bills are based upon the results of a flawed study to determine the amount of interference these new micro-radio stations would cause. That study, however, was deficient in its methodology, implementation and analysis of results in assessing the need for third adjacent channel interference protection.

Today, under the current policy, the FCC has licensed hundreds of LPFM stations around the country. Many more have been granted construction permits or have applications pending at the FCC. The Commission should continue to review and act on pending LPFM applications and facilitate those that have received construction permits. Clearly, there is a process in place for LPFM stations to exist within the current third adjacent protection policy that all stations, both low power and full power, must follow.

Local broadcasters do not oppose the licensing of LPFM stations. We do oppose the introduction of thousands of micro-radio stations that would cause significant harmful interference to full power FM radio stations. Third adjacent protection exists for a reason – to guard against interference and to protect our lifeline service to communities. A broad, blanket policy change is harmful and unnecessary.

Congress should resist any efforts to remove third adjacent channel protections. As you review LPFM legislation during the remainder of the 110th Congress, we hope you will keep in mind the concerns of your local broadcasters and that you would refrain from cosponsoring this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David K. Rehr".

David Rehr

CC: state broadcaster association