

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 9, 2014

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

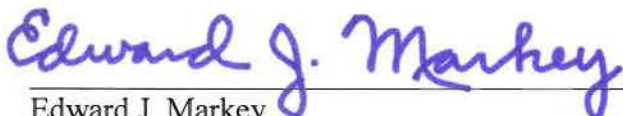
We are writing to understand the ways in which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is working to ensure that potential community-oriented broadcasters are able to reach people living in their neighborhoods. Our inquiry comes in light of the FCC recently shutting down TOUCH 106.1 and Radio TeleBoston 100.1 for operating without a license. Both TOUCH and Radio TeleBoston produce programming for Boston's communities of color, with 100.1 specifically serving Boston's Haitian community.

TOUCH and Radio TeleBoston provide an important community benefit and serve as invaluable information resources. Several constituents have contacted our offices to express their concerns about this issue. While we are well aware that obtaining a license is an operating requirement -- we are not writing to challenge that requirement -- it is evident that the need to better serve communities of color through broadcast stations, including low power FM, is greater than ever.

Accordingly, what plans does the FCC have to ensure that local voices are heard on the radio and that community needs are better met? When does the FCC anticipate the next filing window will be open for low power FM applications? How many potential openings for low power stations exist in the greater Boston metropolitan area? And what steps can the FCC take to encourage sharing between existing licensees and potential broadcasters?

We thank you for your willingness to explore how we can better serve our communities.

Sincerely,



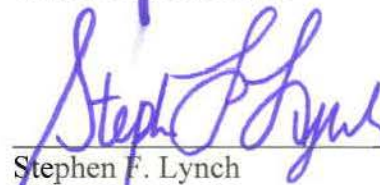
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