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The Honorable Ron Kind  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1502 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kind:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's proceeding on AM revitalization. I appreciate hearing your views on the matter, and your letter will be made part of the official record.

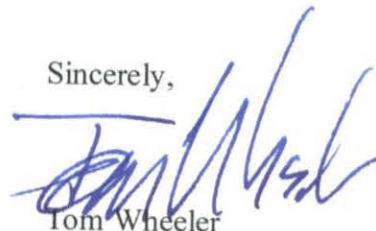
The Commission adopted the AM Revitalization *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* at the end of October 2013. The comment periods were extended into the spring of this year with reply comments filed on March 20, 2014. Currently, Media Bureau staff is reviewing the record, including the comments submitted by your constituent, WRDN-AM Durand, and the other entities that filed on the station's behalf. Upon completion of its review, the staff will develop recommendations for the full Commission's consideration. Given that the review process is still ongoing, the Commission was unable to take up an item at its Open Meeting this month.

I understand your desire for quick resolution to the pending issues. As you know, the main issues raised in the proceeding are ones that focus on technical rules. In fact, it was the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers that requested an extension of the reply comment deadlines earlier this year in order to evaluate the proposals and comments submitted by the numerous interested parties. Generally, I am very supportive of swift action by the Commission to resolve pending proceedings, but I also want to ensure that we get it right, especially when it comes to dealing with interference and technical issues.

I assure you that the staff is working diligently to evaluate the record in the proceeding and complete their recommendations as quickly as possible.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,



Tom Wheeler