

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Thomas Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As you know, access to broadcast radio across the nation is crucial for ensuring an informed population. Access to radio in rural areas is even more vital, specifically in areas that are underserved with cable and broadband access. This is why I'm asking you to include the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the Matter of Revitalization of the AM Radio Service on your November Open Meeting Agenda.

Throughout my district and across the nation, there are many local AM stations providing important services to their communities. AM stations are relied upon for local news, school closing announcements, high school sports coverage, emergency weather information, and entertainment. I urge the Commission to take a vote on the Revitalization of the AM Radio Service as soon as possible. The Open Meeting scheduled for November 21, 2014 is the next opportunity for the Commission to take up this matter. A vote will allow AM stations to improve their services and therefore allow broadcasters to better serve the public.

As you know, Commissioner Ajit Pai has been a leader in AM revitalization and has personally met with AM broadcasters across the state of Wisconsin, including owners of WRDN-AM Durand and other stations in my district. Folks back home have expressed to me how great Commissioner Pai has been to work with and I applaud him for his efforts. His accessibility is an example of how government officials can work with business owners to find common sense solutions.

I encourage the Commission to include the AM Revitalization NPRM on the Open Meeting Agenda scheduled for November so that our AM broadcasters can continue to provide vital services in our communities.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress