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Hon. Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to you on behalf of the Flatbush Jewish Community Coalition (FJCC), which is seeking radio frequency in the New York City area. In light of recent bomb threats, vandalism, and general anti-Semitic activity, the timing is right to permit organizations like the FJCC to obtain radio frequency to keep residents informed and updated.

Many strict adherents to Jewish orthodoxy do not permit television, mass media newspapers, or general radio stations in their homes. A community-based radio station would permit timely news transmissions to this population on issues ranging from terror attacks to health updates to homeland security advisories.

The FJCC informed me that they have reached out to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding an LPFM frequency, but the FCC informed the FJCC that the last filing period ended in October 2013. However, it appears that the FCC provided LPR frequency to a different religious broadcaster in Brooklyn last year: Bridgelight, LLC "The Bridge" FM TX Station W236CH, which is operating 95.1 MHz in New York City.

I respectfully ask the FCC to consider permitting local religious broadcasters to operate in New York City, and further ask the FCC to please look into whether frequency has been provided to other operators since the filing period closed in October 2013.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cary Leizerowski, Legislative Counsel, at (202) 225-3371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel M. Donovan, Jr." in a cursive style.

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