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OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRWOMAN

December 13, 2021

The Honorable Cory Booker
United States Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Booker:

Thank you for your letter regarding the assignment of license application for WJLP from PMCM TV, LLC to TV-49, Inc. This application was unopposed, and the Media Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission granted it on November 19, 2021. FCC broadcast licensees are required to operate in the public interest during their license term and, as you note, provide programming that serves their communities of license. In the assignment application, TV-49, Inc. certified that “it is cognizant of and will comply with its obligations as a Commission licensee to present a program service responsive to the issues of public concern facing the station's community of license and service area.”

I recognize that this is particularly important to New Jersey, which lacks its own designated market area, and historically has had only a handful of stations licensed within the state. Moreover, as you point out, licensing stations that are primarily responsive to the issues and concerns of such states was the goal of Section 331 of the Communications Act. While stations have the discretion to determine how best to meet their public interest obligations, consumers that do not believe that a station is properly meeting the needs of their community can protest the station’s license assignment or renewal application at the FCC by either submitting a petition to deny or filing an informal objection. The agency carefully reviews all such protests before acting on a station’s renewal application. As noted above, however, this assignment was unopposed. Nonetheless, the FCC will work to continue to ensure that all licensees serve the “public interest, convenience, and necessity” as required under Section 310 of the Communications Act.

I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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