

March 15, 2022

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel  
Chairwoman  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

We write today to express our support for the Forum Communications Company application for approval of its acquisition of KVRR, Fargo, ND, and KQDS-TV, Duluth, MN that is currently pending before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC/"Commission"). We thank you for your attention to this matter and ask that the Commission give the application its full and fair consideration.

As you may be aware, in late 2021, Forum Communications Company and Red River Broadcast reached an agreement for the sale of their broadcast station assets -- FOX affiliates KVRR in Fargo, ND and KQDS, in Duluth, MN. Forum Communications currently owns WDAY-TV in the Fargo Designated Marketing Area (DMA), and it has no broadcast properties in the Duluth-Superior DMA. FCC approval of this transaction is required as KVRR (a Fox-affiliated station) and WDAY-TV (which is affiliated with ABC) are both ranked among the Top Four television stations in the Fargo market.

We believe that, if approved, Forum's acquisition of the Red River stations would enhance competition and localism in the Fargo and Duluth-Superior regions through increased investment in broadcast facilities, resources, and local programming that will better allow the stations to compete with broadcast and non-broadcast media. In fact, we understand that Forum—a family-owned company that has been providing high quality, local journalism to North Dakotans and Minnesotans for nearly 150 years—has committed to double the local programming currently available on KVRR by adding 19 hours each week of unique news and sports programming.

We believe that North Dakotans and Minnesotans would substantially benefit from and would be eager to receive more news and information relevant to their local communities. Moreover, the increase in local programming would expand the supply of local advertising spots and increase competition with the other major broadcasters in the regions, and with cable, satellite, and online platforms.

We support the proposed acquisition by Forum Communications Company and urge the Commission to fully and fairly consider the application pending before it. We appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to continuing working with you on matters important to our constituents.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
United States Senate



Kevin Cramer  
United States Senate



Kelly Armstrong  
U.S. House of Representatives