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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

We appreciate your response to Senator Murkowski's letter earlier this year, and are writing to request another update on the status of the pending applications filed by KSRM Inc. ("KSRM") in Soldotna, Alaska, for renewal of its Alaska radio stations and its pending assignment applications.

As the Commission has recognized in connection with radio translators, Alaska is particularly dependent on its local broadcasting services compared to the contiguous United States. Due to Alaska's rough terrain and vast distance between communities, internet connectivity is not reliable in numerous parts in the state, meaning many Alaskans still rely heavily – or even exclusively – on broadcast radio. KSRM serves communities across the Kenai Peninsula with lifesaving news and information, entertainment, and local sporting events and community activities. These communities depend on the local coverage broadcast services provided by KSRM and the proposed ownership will continue and extend and expand these critical services.

KSRM's assignment application was originally filed December 18, 2020, and amended on April 7, 2021. The renewal applications, filed September 30, 2021, have been pending for six months and their previous Alaska license term has now expired.

We would appreciate your prompt reply to our offices.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator



Dan Sullivan
United States Senator