

**CONCURRING STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: *In the Matter of Iglesia Pentecostal Cristo Missionera for Application for a New Low Power FM Broadcast Station in Lorain, Ohio, File No. BNPL-20010118ABD*

The Commission has dismissed hundreds of LPFM applications because they did not meet the third-adjacent channel spacing requirements mandated by Congress. This may be the last such application still on file. While the Order reaches a defensible legal conclusion, it is not good news for localism, competition and diversity that this is the outcome.

The Commission three years ago recommended to Congress that, based on the independent Mitre study, the third-adjacency restrictions should be eliminated. The Commission unanimously reiterated that recommendation in its recent *LPFM Order*.

Hopefully Congress will act soon to amend the statute. Such action will not come in time for *Iglesia Pentecostal Cristo Missionera* and the other dismissed applicants. So I would hope that, at the appropriate time, the Commission can find a way to take proper account of the fact that *Iglesia* and others filed in the previous LPFM window but were dismissed based on third-adjacency concerns.