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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: KVNW Clatskanie/Napavine, Facility ID 189494. File No BNPH – 20110630AHJ.
December 18 Decision, DA 14-1859.

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I have the honor of representing the community of Clatskanie in the Oregon Legislature.

I am writing you to respectfully ask that the Federal Communications Commission reject a petition by Threshold Communications to move our FM radio frequency, currently assigned to the City of Clatskanie, to a community in Washington State.

City leaders have informed me that station owners in Centralia and Chehallis Washington were seeking to relocate the Clatskanie frequency to Napavine Washington. I join the City of Clatskanie in expressing our collective opposition to this request.

The absence of communication capacity in the Clatskanie area is unsettling. It is a rural community, frequently isolated by inclement weather, natural disasters, and a paucity of options for public safety and emergency management communications protocols. Additionally, it has long been a local aspiration to have a reliable opportunity for a commercial station; if the frequency is withdrawn, that possibility is extinguished.

Central Washington has a plethora of radio stations. Clatskanie has only this one frequency that would, conceivably, play a significant role for this part of rural Oregon along the Columbia River.

Legal notice has been published in the local newspaper, leading many of us to fear that a decision is imminent. On behalf of my constituents, in this isolated part of Oregon, please do not move the frequency out of Clatskanie.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Betsy Johnson", with a stylized, cursive script.

Betsy Johnson
State Senator