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To: Peter Doyle

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street NW Washington, DC 20554

Re: License renewal for KZYX, Mendocino County Public Broadcasting

Hello Peter Doyle:

I am a listener and member of Mendocino County Public Broadcasting, and would like to support the station against continuing highly exaggerated accusations addressed to the FCC.

The dissidents lost by a heavy margin in the recent new board elections for the station. This is an indication of how marginalized the group really is, although they are organized in their letter campaigns to your commission.

The implications that there are fiscal problems associated with KZYX are outright lies. The station has always done an annual audit by an outside firm. The station works hard to stay in compliance with good financial practices and they pass their audits with flying colors.

Are there programming arguments? Yes, of course. That is true of all radio stations that I know of. A few of the dissidents are angry over program decisions made by the program director. But no one has an intrinsic right to a show of their own. Every decision a program director makes will make some people happy and some people mad. I doubt that this is actually an FCC issue, since programs directors all over the country decide what shows to run.

I, myself, do not agree with all the decisions. But I believe it is irresponsible for this group to try to threaten the existence of the station by filing non-stop complaints with your agency. And I hope you will look past the vicious tone of the letters to the actual facts of the matter.

One letter actually claimed the people at the station drink contaminated water. The station is located in a rural area (making it all the more valuable to the community) and therefore uses bottled

water for drinking. Safe, bottled water is ALWAYS available at the station, with warnings not to drink from the faucet. This is actually quite typical in our rural area. I cite this as an example of the how this group is careening out of its way to make the station seem somehow evil.

The most vocal complainant once held a position of trust, as the treasurer of the board. He could easily have requested that the manager present financial reports in the format the treasurer preferred. Instead, he went directly to you to complain that the reports were not done properly. This is untrue. The financial information is posted on the internet for everyone to examine. People familiar with non-profit statements have told me the paperwork looks good.

In fact, all of the paperwork is on public file for them to examine. Instead of examining it, they publish long, outlandish lists of 'demands' to see - well - every paper they can think of - trying to give the impression that there is a big problem.

Again, I hope you will look past the rhetoric and instead look directly at the facts, and approve the license. It has been held up much too long because of a highly neurotic gang of disgruntleds.

Thank you for your attention,

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