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**Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**

Re: Interference Complaint against FM Translator Station W279DD
Attention: Audio Division, Media Bureau

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is written on behalf of Stewards of Sound, Inc. ("Stewards"), which for nearly two years has been pursuing a complaint of interference caused by FM Translator Station W279DD, Facility ID 141819, Hudson, WI, to reception of Stewards' Station WWIB(FM), Facility ID 63428, Hallie, Wisconsin.

Stewards' first complaint was filed August 24, 2017. On June 6, 2018, the Media Bureau directed W279DD to cease operation. Instead of doing that, the translator licensee, WRPX, Inc. ("WRPX"), applied for a construction permit to install a directional antenna. After that change was implemented, Stewards continued to receive listener complaints and filed a supplemental complaint with the Commission on October 31, 2018.

The most recent pleading was filed by WRPX on December 7, 2018, in which it claimed to have resolved complaints by listeners Barbara Bartz and Karen Adams.

Attached are detailed letters which were written in 2019 personally by both Ms. Bartz and Ms. Adams, and are thus first-person testimony, explaining that the interference issue has not been resolved for either of them. At least one of them was concerned about WRPX's aggressive approach to her. It also appears that WRPX attempted to satisfy a listener by providing an Internet-based digital radio, which is not an acceptable way of resolving an interference complaint.

Stewards requests that these letters be included as part of the record in this proceeding and hopes that the Commission will respond appropriately. The translator never shut down, despite an FCC Order to do so. It should be required to cease operation, or at a minimum to apply for a new

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frequency, as permitted by the new rules in MB Docket No. 18-119, scheduled for a vote at the next Commission meeting.

Since the issue of interference by W279DD to reception of WWIB has been before the Commission for nearly two years, the translator should be directed to shut down or to request a rule waiver to change frequency without awaiting the effective date of the new rules.

Respectfully submitted,



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To whom it may concern,

I have been a faithful listener of WWIB for 35+ years. I have listened to it in my home and on the road during that time. For the past several years, I have been struggling to get it in on my radio and have tried multiple different radios. I listen to it in my car always. It is really frustrating when I go west 5 miles towards New Richmond or Twin Cities. I start getting another radio station out of Hudson on the 103.7 frequency. New Richmond and Baldwin are about 72 miles away from WWIB I should still be able to get it in without any issue on 103.7 in these towns yet I am not able to listen to WWIB there. We can go north 70 miles which is over 130 miles away from WWIB and still be able to get in WWIB with no issues or interference.

I do not recall the call letters of the radio station out of Hudson, they did come out and try to fix the problem and gave me a digital radio or some kind of a radio. I told them they did not have to do that, but they insisted. I told them that it still did not fix the problem of interference. I still ever occasionally will get them on the radio that they gave me. I would listen to WWIB on every radio in my house and am now limited to the kitchen where I still get interference from the other radio station. Right now I am sitting in the kitchen and there is horrible interference. I would like to be able to listen on my other devices without interference also, that is impossible. I should be able to do that. I am still not able to get it in on my car radio when I travel west more than 5 miles from my house yet can go north over 70 miles without any interference. So, giving me a radio, did not solve the problem and I explained that to them before they left. They were very kind even came back to the house to try and convince me it was a WWIB problem. Which I know is not true from the other places I can get WWIB on the radio which are further away from WWIB. Like I have explained in the letter and I told them the same thing, the problem is not resolved. They insisted to me that the problem was resolved and I told them that it really wasn't.

I sure hope this problem can be resolved.

Thank you,

Barbara Bartz

Barbara Bartz

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To Whom It May Concern:

In early November of 2018, I was contacted, via telephone, by the manager of radio station WDBG. The conversation centered around the quality of my radio reception - particularly about how well I received WWIB- 103.7 FM. I informed him that of late, my reception quality had improved. This was due in part to my recent purchase of a new radio as well as a reduction by WDBG over the 103.7 frequency, though I do continue to have trouble with reception in my car, in the vicinity of my home, with WDBG drowning out WWIB.

I felt intimidated by the WDBG manager, who insisted that he be allowed to come to my home and test my radio equipment. He even went ~~as~~ so far as to offer to purchase additional radio equipment for my home, which to me, bordered on coercion. I felt it not appropriate. He made me very uncomfortable. Our phone conversation was contentious, leaving me with no desire to allow him into my home. I felt that his solution to my reception problems does not begin to address the overall issue, for me or other WWIB listeners. New radio equipment does not "fix"

interference with the radio signal.

Respectfully,

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