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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1800B3-MAT

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In re: WRPA(AM), Providence, RI  
Facility ID No. 48308  
Silent since February 19, 2020

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. King:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 19, 2020, on behalf of Rhode Island Public Radio (RIPR), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WRPA to remain silent.

RIPR's request states that Station WRPA(AM) went silent on February 19, 2020, for financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

RIPR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WRPA(AM) to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WRPA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., February 20, 2021.**<sup>1</sup>

RIPR is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If RIPR does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.<sup>2</sup>

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,



Victoria McCauley  
Attorney, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to [Denise.Williams@FCC.gov](mailto:Denise.Williams@FCC.gov).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).