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James Bradshaw Senior Deputy Division Chief Federal Communications Commission Media Bureau, Audio Division 45 L Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20554

RE: Further Request for Extension of Time for Experimental Authority for WQXR-FM, Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

New York Public Radio ("NYPR"), the licensee of WQXR-FM, Newark, New Jersey, hereby respectfully requests a further extension of its experimental authority, which was granted on March 6, 2020 (See File No. 20200130AAQ). This authority and was extended on August 26, 2020 by the Commission.

As noted previously, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the schedule for testing and unfortunately, these disruptions continue due to the ongoing situation. At present, NYPR and the NAB are targeting a March-April 2021 timeframe for conducting a limited test compared to our original plans. The differences between the original plan and the modified plan include having only a single person in the test vehicle to adhere to current health mandates and guidelines, as well as using audio of opportunity instead of rebroadcasting content.

In addition, one of NYPR's key working group members is retiring in April, so the intent is to move forward with the testing before the retirement becomes effective. NYPR will also continue to keep affected broadcasters informed and keep them apprised of the test plans.

Based on the foregoing, NYPR respectfully requests a further 180 day extension of its experimental authority.

Sincerely,

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