

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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April 25, 2014

The Honorable Thomas Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
442 12th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We write regarding a recent notice of dismissal for Hudson County, New Jersey concerning a waiver request from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to increase the wattage on their Traveler Information Station (TIS). We ask that the Commission thoroughly review the matter and consider the concerns of our constituents.

As you know, Hudson County is densely populated and contains one of the most critical and heavily travelled transportation networks in America. To support this network and its population, Hudson County has been working to increase the wattage of the local TIS radio station from 10 to 100 watts. As many discovered during Superstorm Sandy, residents and travelers look to the local TIS for information during times of emergency and the TIS is particularly important when disruptions to the electrical grid can knock out many of the traditional mediums for news and information.

We are concerned that without the ability to reach a wider audience, the TIS station in Hudson County may be unable to provide the critical service so many residents and travelers would look to depend upon during a time of emergency. We therefore hope that the FCC can work with Hudson County to find a solution that allows the TIS station to be an accessible and beneficial resource for residents and travelers in northern New Jersey. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



ROBERT MENENDEZ  
United States Senator

Sincerely,



CORY A. BOOKER  
United States Senator