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Washington, DC

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**Mr. Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street Southwest
Washington, DC 20554**

Dear Chairman Pai:

I want to first say I applaud your efforts to revitalize A.M. broadcasting. The A.M. spectrum is truly a national treasure and is worth saving and reimagining. Several stations in my district have already taken advantage of the F.M. translator program, and from all indications, it is paying dividends to the owners and the communities they serve.

The F.M. translator program is why I am writing you. WRAB A.M. 1380 in Arab, Alabama has submitted an application for an FM translator as part of the 2017 window, running from July 26-August 2.

Since 1961, WRAB has truly been what radio stations should be, a vital part of their community. WRAB is the perfect example of a station fulfilling the FCC requirement to serve the public interest. The station continues to produce four local newscasts each day, a rarity in today's radio world. In addition to news, the station promotes local community and school events, helps local service organizations with free broadcast time and provides vital weather information during emergencies.

It is for this level of community service, that I ask they be given the utmost consideration for a license to operate an F.M. translator. Having their broadcasts on F.M. will open up their community centered broadcasts to an entirely new audience and new generation of listeners.

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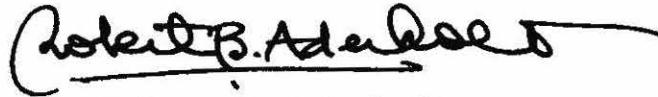
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Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Aderholt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress

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