

June 9, 2026

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, GN Docket No. 25-133

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 5, 2026, Ben Arden, David Layer, and the undersigned of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) met with Al Shuldiner and James Bradshaw of the Media Bureau's Audio Division to discuss proposals in the above-captioned proceeding intended to enhance AM radio broadcasting.¹

First, we urged the FCC to eliminate certain minimum efficiency standards that hinder AM stations from choosing antennas that could expand their reach and locating antennas on smaller, less expensive lots closer to their audiences.² Second, we asked the FCC to eliminate certain rules that complicate AM stations' access to the AM expanded band (1605-1705 kHz) and consider opening a filing window for stations to apply for frequencies in the band.³

NAB expressed appreciation for the FCC's longstanding efforts to provide AM broadcasters with additional flexibility to improve service to their local communities. We also noted the vital role of AM radio stations in the security of our nation's critical infrastructure and public safety, and encouraged the FCC to continue to consider ways to promote this critical platform. To that end, NAB discussed other potential updates that could one day unleash more opportunities for AM broadcasters to leverage technology to further enhance their signal quality and succeed in today's competitive media marketplace.

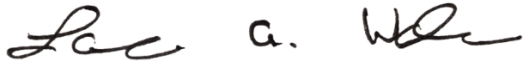
¹ FCC Public Notice, *Delete, Delete, Delete*, GN Docket No. 25-133, 40 FCC Rcd 1601 (2025).

² Comments of NAB, GN Docket No. 25-133 (Apr. 11, 2025), at 57-58.

³ *Id.* at 58-59.

NAB closed with a promise to continue working with the FCC and other stakeholders on rule changes and technology developments that could benefit AM stations and their millions of devoted listeners.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry A. Walke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Larry" being the most prominent part.

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