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The Honorable Brendan Carr
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Applications to Transfer Control of Cumulus Media Inc. and Its Licensee
Subsidiaries from Current Shareholders of Cumulus Media Inc. to Post-
Reorganization Shareholders of Cumulus Media Inc.*
LMS File Nos. 0000297467 et al.**

Dear Chairman Carr:

On behalf of Cumulus Media Inc. and its licensee subsidiaries (collectively, "Cumulus Media"), I take this opportunity to reaffirm Cumulus Media's longstanding commitment to operating its broadcast radio stations in a manner that serves the public interest, advances localism, supports public safety and responds to the needs and interests of the communities it is privileged to serve.

The pending transfer applications arise in connection with Cumulus Media's court-approved plan of reorganization and expected emergence from Chapter 11. The reorganization is designed to strengthen Cumulus Media's financial foundation and enhance its ability to continue serving listeners, employees, advertisers, community partners and public-safety stakeholders across the country. Cumulus Media continues to operate its business in the ordinary course, and the requested FCC approvals will enable it to emerge with a more sustainable capital structure and renewed operating flexibility.

Cumulus Media has an expansive local footprint with 384 owned-and-operated radio stations across 84 markets, reaching tens of millions of potential listeners monthly. Across this broad local presence, we provide the communities we serve with trusted news, weather, traffic, sports, emergency information and public affairs programming. Our stations also serve as important platforms for community voices, local organizations and public safety information, helping listeners stay informed, connected and engaged in the places they call home. Our employees understand the issues that matter locally and embrace the essential role local radio continues to play in American civic life.

Localism

Service to our local communities is foundational to our public-interest commitment. Every day our stations connect listeners with the people, institutions, events and information that matter in their communities, including local schools, businesses, charities, civic institutions and public officials. We pride ourselves on our knowledge of the local communities we serve across the country. The relationships that we have built within them over decades provide our stations with deep knowledge of local needs and interests and an ability to respond when our communities need it most.

That local knowledge and presence become especially important in times of emergency. Our stations provide timely, freely available information that can help protect life, property and public safety. Unlike national platforms or algorithmically curated news feeds, Cumulus Media's employees are positioned to provide broad-based, free, over-the-air news and information closely tuned and responsive to immediate local conditions. During natural disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires, our employees have worked through extraordinarily difficult circumstances to keep our stations on the air and provide their communities with critical – and at times, life-saving – local information and direction when other communications channels may be unavailable, unreliable or overwhelmed.

Cumulus Media will continue its commitment to cover news and information in a manner responsive to the needs and interests of the communities it serves by providing locally relevant news, weather, traffic, emergency information, public affairs programming and coverage of issues important to its listeners. It will continue to draw on its knowledge of these local communities to provide content that will best serve their needs, recognizing that the needs and interests of listeners may vary from market to market.

Newsrooms

Preserving our coverage of news-worthy events, and their impact on our local communities, is exceedingly important to Cumulus Media. The stronger financial foundation that our financial reorganization will afford us is intended to preserve and strengthen, not diminish, our ability to serve local audiences. Consistent with that objective, we commit to maintaining our existing newsroom staffing levels for a minimum of two years following approval of the requested applications.

Public Service

Cumulus Media's public interest commitment extends well beyond its daily programming. Local radio stations are important civic platforms that can convene communities, elevate urgent needs, amplify the work of charitable and civic organizations, support emergency response and connect listeners directly with organizations addressing important issues on the ground.

Our role in public safety is especially significant. We operate numerous radio stations that

serve as Primary Entry Point stations for the Emergency Alert System that is part of FEMA's National Public Warning System. These specifically designated radio stations serve as important links in the nation's infrastructure for communicating critical emergency information to the public, including presidential alerts and information concerning major disasters and other high-priority emergencies. Cumulus Media recognizes the special responsibilities associated with these facilities and remains committed to supporting their operational readiness, technical compliance and coordination with federal, state and local emergency-management partners.

Cumulus Media also has a long record of using its platforms and reach to support organizations that are improving local communities. In just the last three years alone, we have worked alongside nearly 2,000 local organizations – from medical research foundations, food banks and local schools to veterans' organizations, disaster-relief efforts, animal-welfare groups and first-responder foundations – helping address real needs in the communities where our employees live and work. During that same period, we have supported campaigns that:

- Helped raise over \$75 million in direct donations through fundraising drives, radiothons and community campaigns;
- Delivered nearly \$50 million in support directly to local organizations through public service announcements, live on-air mentions and interviews;
- Provided more than 400,000 individual on-air mentions and other acknowledgments of local causes, giving them a voice and connecting them with listeners who could help; and
- Extended the reach of these local efforts beyond our broadcast channels through nearly 200,000 digital posts.

Altogether, in the last three years, these efforts have generated more than \$123 million in direct donations and other support for the people and organizations doing important work in our local communities. But the significance of these efforts extends beyond that figure: Cumulus Media does not merely broadcast into local communities, it participates in them by helping local organizations tell their stories, mobilize support and connect with people who are willing to assist.

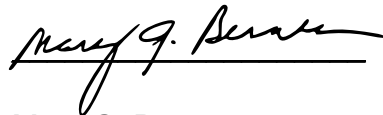
Cumulus Media commits to maintaining this tradition of public service following emergence from its financial reorganization. It will continue to use its stations, personalities, public service announcements and adjacent platforms to support charitable and civic organizations addressing local concerns.

Cumulus Media understands and embraces the responsibilities that come with holding FCC licenses. Our stations serve local listeners, support local journalism, provide critical emergency information, amplify community needs and help strengthen civic life in markets across the country. We view this work not as ancillary to our business but as central to our responsibilities as a broadcast licensee. Our financial reorganization will allow us to continue that work from a stronger financial foundation.

For these reasons, Cumulus Media reaffirms its commitment to operating in a manner that serves the public interest, advances localism, supports public safety and strengthens the communities it serves.

We appreciate the Commission's consideration of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary G. Berner", is written over a horizontal line.

Mary G. Berner
President and Chief Executive Officer
Cumulus Media Inc.