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Subject: CBI/SoundExchange Agreement RE: Royalties

Dear Copyright Royalty Judges,

This e-mail message is my support of the April 1, 2010 agreement terms between College Broadcasters, Inc. and SoundExchange that were published in the Federal Register on April 1, 2010.

My mailing address at Bethany College in West Virginia is campus box 73 (remainder of the address is print below). I'm the adviser/general manager of Bethany College radio, 88.1 FM (1100 watts) and available online via Live 365.

Our experience at this small rural liberal arts station is that most of our students and many alumni now listen to our campus station online in lieu of our limited FM signal, yet, our operating budget is minimal as we are staffed almost entirely by unpaid student volunteers.

Our mission is an educational one that includes serving our Brooke County area with limited news, sports and public affairs programs and of course... with alternative music not available from the many commercial stations in our area.

I think that the CBI/SoundExchange agreement provides a reasonable basis for setting statutory terms and rates.

To conclude, having worked in commercial radio and TV for 15 years before getting into college teaching, I can assure you that college and community radio stations such as WVBC are vital in that they are both a springboard for our youth who want to work in this fast changing industry and...college/university and community radio stations, despite their very limited budgets, do provide an important non-mainstream voice for their communities.

Thanks for your consideration of my views on this important agreement.

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