

June 28, 2005

Senator Carole Migden,
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Restoration of FM Radio Service to Marin County Residents through Comcast Cable

Dear Senator Migden:

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our sincere gratitude for your critical role in restoring FM radio broadcasts for residents of Marin County who subscribe to Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. for their television and FM radio programming services.

As you know, in February of this year, Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. terminated access to FM radio broadcasts previously available to Marin County residents as a programming service through their cable television subscription. In Marin County and other parts of California, hilly terrain means that cable is the only way to receive FM radio signals for many residents.

Thanks largely to your efforts, Comcast recently announced a plan to provide about 30 FM stations over the cable TV network by September 30, 2005 in response to the demand for the service. It will be available free to Comcast's digital cable subscribers, while basic cable subscribers will have to pay \$5 a month to receive the service through a digital converter box.

Without your critical assistance in efforts to restore the service, we fear that a segment of our community would have been left without access to vital public affairs programming, news, traffic reports, and emergency broadcast information.

On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for your efforts on this important issue. We would also appreciate your continued attention to public affairs programming issues in Marin County as the Marin Telecommunications Agency negotiates a new cable television franchise agreement to include improved Public, Educational and Government access programming.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold C. Brown, Jr.
President, Marin County Board of Supervisors