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Mr. Reginald Karg, Chairman
Riga Township Planning Commission
12164 Riga Highway
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

Dear Mr. Karg:

As Senior Vice-President and General Counsel for National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), I am writing regarding the proposed construction of wind turbines (near Blissfield and Jasper, Michigan) that threaten to detrimentally impact the broadcast transmissions of one of our members, WLMB-TV 40 Toledo, a television operation headed by Mr. Jamey Schmitz, its President and C.E.O. NRB is America's pre-eminent association of Christian television and radio broadcasters. This year we celebrate our 67th year. We work extensively in the Congress, before the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) and other federal agencies and in court, on behalf of the interests of Christian broadcasters and communicators whose broadcasts reach millions of listeners and viewers.

I am sure that Mr. Schmitz and his counsel will be providing you with the engineering report prepared by Meintel, Sgrignoli, & Wallace dated March 4, 2011 which has concluded, among other things, that "[o]ur study of the WLMB STL system indicates that it is likely to be negatively impacted by the wind farm ..." (report page 6). It is our information that this type of potential interference is not the first such instance of adverse effects of wind turbines on broadcast transmissions. The F.C.C. has institutional information regarding another such situation where wind turbines posed a threat of interference with television broadcast transmissions, and where the company proposing the wind turbine construction ultimately accommodated the needs of the television station.

It is our hope that you will take seriously the concerns of WLMB-TV 40 and Mr. Schmitz, its President and C.E.O. and that you will exercise every consideration to accommodate their pre-existing broadcast operation which serves such a valuable public interest for so many people in your viewing area and elsewhere.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank all of you for the important public service that you provide to the citizens of your respective area of Michigan.

Very best regards,

Craig L. Parshall
Senior Vice-President & General Counsel
National Religious Broadcasters

cc: Ms. Karlene Goetz
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