

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Federal Communications Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for the Low Power FM license application submitted by the Voice of Vashon. For 14 years, this 501c3 nonprofit organization has been providing valuable services to the 11,000 island residents of Vashon Island, Washington. An LPFM license would strengthen the organizations ability to fulfill important community functions.

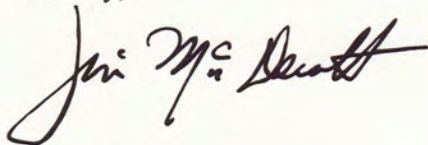
During emergency situations Voice of Vashon distributes crucial information to the community by serving as the public information team for the island's Emergency Operations Center. Because Vashon Island is only accessible via ferry, it is particularly vulnerable to isolation in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. Additionally, the island is subject to frequent and extended power outages that endanger the safety, health, and comfort of residents. Voice of Vashon provides residents with important, island-specific information that is not found anywhere else.

In addition to emergency services, Voice of Vashon is a forum for the development and expression of the community's identity. Despite its proximity to the region's largest cities, Vashon Island maintains a distinct and vibrant small-town culture. Voice of Vashon fosters this by developing programs on arts, agriculture, healthcare, lifestyles, transportation, education, and more.

Approval of an LPFM license would allow Voice of Vashon to grow and I believe their application merits favorable consideration.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



JIM McDERMOTT
Member of Congress