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For Immediate Release:

Reaction to latest FCC decision

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We are again saddened by the Federal Communications Commission's latest decision, which is marred by contradictions and fallacies throughout. KMIH is considered by the FCC to "provide (a) valuable service" to Mercer Island, yet provides no relief for a station with limited resources to continue our very important educational mission.

We will continue to operate and explore all options related to preserving this unique opportunity for our students, and we call upon anyone in this community to come forward to help us at this time.

This decision is ripe for reconsideration and appeal, and we implore the Commission to do just that.

KMIH and KGHP continue to stand together in this battle, asking for accountability and intervention by the Congress to preserve our educational broadcast missions at area high schools, which effect over 3,000 students at this time. The decision has an enormous impact for both communities who have long since come to rely on our stations for valuable information and public service.

KMIH X104 FM is an educational radio program run by the Mercer Island School District. X104 started in 1969 and teaches students skills in broadcast media. while successfully reaching over 41,100* listeners per week.

KGHP is Gig Harbor's community radio station, harnessing students from both Gig Harbor and Peninsula High Schools in Gig Harbor, Washington.

* Data is Copyright Arbitron, Inc. Metro AQH Persons 12+, Mon.-Fri., 6a-12m, Fall 2003. Arbitron data are estimates only. Source: RRC, Inc."

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