I’m writing to support an FCC investigation into possible Communications Act violations occurring at WBAI-FM in New York (FCC file #000180618).

I’m a listener and supporter of noncommercial educational broadcasting (KPFA and Pacifica). I believe listener supported noncommercial broadcasting is crucial to democracy and provides information uncorrupted by commercial interest in maintaining the status quo.

I am deeply concerned that educational station WBAI in New York has repeatedly broadcast programming that is in violation of FCC regulations regarding self-inurement at a nonprofit station. I think it’s imperative that the FCC investigate the station and its management and prosecute any wrongdoing by any individual involved in any illegal practices.

WBAI has created a situation where long-term supporters have dropped their support and Pacifica has taken loans against KPFA facilities to support a financially failing WBAI. My support for KPFA is being misdirected to WBAI. Pacifica must be made to remedy this situation and your investigation can be instrumental in insulating my local station from Pacifica fiduciary failure.

WBAI has a long history of public service broadcasting. It would be deeply unfortunate if the station were destroyed by a few people that appeared to be motivated by self-interest. It is my sincere hope that the FCC identify the individuals involved so that the station can continue to serve the New York community and KPFA can continue to serve the Berkeley community of which I am a part.

Thank you,

Harry Wiener