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RE: Docket No. 2014–CRB–0001-WR (2016-2020) (Web IV)

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To Whom It May Concern:

WSOU, Seton Hall University's FCC licensed noncommercial FM Class A station, South Orange, New Jersey, submits the following Comments in support of the proposed settlement [Docket No. 2014–CRB–0001-WR (2016-2020) (Web IV)] negotiated between College Broadcasters, Inc. ("CBI") and the SoundExchange. The proposed settlement was published in the Federal Register on November 5, 2014, establishing a comment deadline of November 26, 2014. Therefore, these comments are timely filed.

WSOU is a student-run college radio station with an emphasis on experiential learning and pre-professional development. As such, fair and reasonable agreements are of great concern to WSOU, because without them opportunities for student learning and growth are often negatively affected. WSOU

finds the proposed agreement negotiated by CBI and SoundExchange to establish webcasting fees and reporting requirements for noncommercial educational webcasters to be both reasonable and in the best interests of the station and its students.

WSOU has greatly benefited from the current agreement between CBI and the SoundExchange and the proposed agreement will extend those benefits to our student-run station through 2020. Since the current agreement has been in place for several years and has worked to the satisfaction of a large number of college stations, it is prudent to extend that fair and successful arrangement into the future. The proposed settlement is affordable for our station, easily implementable, and relieves WSOU from burdensome reporting requirements while allowing royalties to be paid to the rightful recipients. We believe that these benefits are not only in the best interest of WSOU, but also for hundreds of other noncommercial educational webcasters across the country.

The proposed agreement between CBI and the SoundExchange provides a reasonable basis for establishing statutory terms and rates and WSOU wholeheartedly endorses this settlement. We encourage the CRB and its Judges to adopt the proposed regulations and thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

Respectfully submitted,
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