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**Statement from Free Radio Alliance Spokesperson Cathy Rought  
on Local Radio Freedom Act**

"The Free Radio Alliance applauds Congressmen Gene Green and Mike Conaway and all the co-sponsors of H. Con. Res. 244, the Local Radio Freedom Act.

"These Members of Congress clearly understand the importance of local radio to their constituents," said Free Radio Alliance spokesperson Cathy Rought. "Like their colleagues in Congress over the years, these representatives see through the recording industry's rhetoric. It's just wrong for Congress now to step in on the side of one industry and impose a new congressionally mandated tax," she added.

"The experience of Internet radio and the crisis they face with the new copyright fee should give anyone pause," said Rought. "Given an inch, the labels went a mile. The system we have works -- the U.S. broadcasting system is the envy of the world. Someone that lives in New York City has access to 36 different commercial radio stations, while someone that lives in London only gets 19.

"Local communities shouldn't be penalized for the labels' failure to meet the consumer demand of the digital age."