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Jim:

I know it isn't the first of the month, but I still wish to offer my congratulations and gratitude to you and your various associates for your 19 years of service and contributions to the greater Ionia area! Your tenure has shown absolutely remarkable dedication and impact in many ways throughout the City of Ionia and the surrounding area. Few people can understand the challenges of taking a radio station with outdated equipment that had been off-air, and carried a sullied reputation, and working through the task of establishing the trust of advertisers, along with rebuilding a base of listening audience. It is pleasing to me to know that you are able to enjoy some of the fruits of your labor, if only in the area of reduced stress. (I do miss hearing you editorialize your way through the news, though). Looking back over the past 19 years, you should feel a great deal of pride and accomplishment in having made WION a true community beacon! You and your team have continuously shone a light on important issues and have provided unwavering support to numerous charitable organizations. You individually have also become a staple of the community.

Through strategic growth and a commitment to local radio excellence, WION has consistently delivered great sound, both with music and commentary, to its audience. I enjoy tuning in to the "greatest little radio station in America" with some frequency even though many miles now separate us. I also genuinely miss our frequent chats about local goings-on. You have surrounded yourself with a great support team, and I wish you many more years of success and positive impact on the area.

With a great deal of respect,

JDF