

Dear Local Station Board,

It's coming to the end of 2019, the end of a very difficult year for WBAI. I have been asking staff to share with me information on who put in extra hours in helping us get back on the air and recover so we can acknowledge them. I know about some of the staff contributions as well as the hours and hours Arthur Schwartz donated to win the local legal battle.

WBAI is still in ICU and not quite in the recovery room yet. What is keeping us in ICU is the monthly \$25,000 financial gap between income and expenses.

I hope you will join me in reaching out to friends, family, and those you know and asking them to donate or become a WBAI Buddy. All of the producers are being asked to do this and I know they will feel more support if the LSB are also working on asking people to become WBAI buddies.

I am providing a sample letter to help get you started or you can do it in your own way.

***As you may know, I am on the board of WBAI, 99.5 FM, which carries shows such as ....and many diverse cultural programs. You can listen to current and past shows by going to <https://www.wbai.org/>***

***We almost lost the station this fall but through dedication, the hard work of many who volunteered their time, and resilience we got back on the air. WBAI endured a coup that decimated our Buddies (monthly donors).***

***You can help us bring Buddies back and stabilize the station. Lets cover the truth in Venezuela, Israel/Palestine, Bolivia, Haiti, Honduras, Chile, Ukraine... lets go beyond CNN, MSNBC and Fox Five trivialization of the important issues of our days.***

***To become a BAI Buddy***

***call [516-620-3602](tel:516-620-3602) or go to***

***[give2wbai.org](http://give2wbai.org), <https://www.give2wbai.org/>***

***You get perks by being a monthly donor of only \$10 a month such as discounts at James Weir Florist on Montague St and Zipcars, etc.***

***Thank you for listening and being part of a free speech diverse community.***

I look forward to seeing you on January 8th.