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From: <fisherj@cul.net>
To: Jada Barnes <JBARNES@fcc.gov>
Date: 7/29/98 1:00am
Subject: Re: micro-broadcasting regulation and deregulation -Reply

I did write the following statement.

Thank you,

James Fisher.

>>>> <fisherj@cul.net> 07/20/98 01:16am >>>

> I would like to voice my opinion in favor of de-regulation of this
> important medium of information and thought. Too often these days, I find
> my cities radio stations are ruled by a few, mighty radio empires, three to
> be exact. With the exception of PBS and college stations, all radio
> stations in Orlando are owned by these three corporations, who appear
> to
> follow the sign of the all mighty dollar as opposed to offering actual
> programming which reflects local intrests, and or local musical talents, of
> which there are many. I have recently ceased listening to the radio for
> these reasons.

> The airwaves are a powerful tool, which can cause harm as well
> as
> good. As such, I understand the need to regulate them. However, it is
> both constitutionally and ethically wrong to prevent low-income
> companies
> and/or indivudials from recieving licenses to opperate their own, local,
> stations. It is not cheap to purchase the required wattage transmitters,
> as
> I am sure you know. This leaves radio broadcasting to the few, weathly
> corporations who can afford to do so. Free speach does not, nor
> should not,
> come with so heavy a price tag.

> One wonders how the national intrest is served by leaving almost
> all
> of the nations citizens completely disenfranchized from voice in the radio
> waves.

> Please consider these things when designing policy in the future.
> Consider those of us whom the Government is designed to represent
> and whose
> intrestes the FCC is created to serve.

> Thank you.

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