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From: Don Ocean <ocean@ideesign.com>
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("automated_activism@we-2.com")
Date: 7/18/98 8:34am
Subject: Don Ocean says Legalize Micro Radio

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From: "Ivan Pavlov's Dogs" <pavdogs@flash.net>
To: A7.A7 (GTRISTAN, MPOWELL, HFURCHTG, SNESS, WKENNARD)
Date: 7/18/98 11:08am
Subject: RM-9242

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street NW
Washington DC 20554

July 19, 1998

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC 20554

In the Matter of
Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM (LPFM) Broadcast Service

FCC RM-9242

To: Federal Communications Commission

Reply-Comments of James B. Merrill
In Support of RM-9242

I find it hard to believe that one should have to express and hope for the same ideals set forth by our forefathers who knew full well the pit falls of undue censorship. I ask you, has not the voice of the people been tested before? Have we as a nation not fought and died for liberty and freedom abroad?

The United States has become the model for the world because of her freedom to speak without fear of repression and imprisonment. We have grown far beyond the expectations of past generations here and throughout the world because of the unbroken human spirit freedom provides for all.

How will history judge us in the matter of community radio? Would you let it say we as a people had a hand in the eroding of our own freedom to communicate ideals and cultures so grand to be the envy of all the world? Or would it read the people of 1998 had the foresight to strengthen the 1934 Communications Act. We have the power to write this history now. If wrong, let us stand among the accused that erred on the side of liberty and free speech. Support of the Skinner petition, RM-9242, would prove our government still works and the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are more than just museum pieces... They are living, breathing documents.

James B. Merrill
8429 Roseland Ct.
Oak Park, MI. 48237
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From: "T Acey" <tommyt@nac.net>
To: A7.A7 (WKENNARD)
Date: 7/18/98 3:15pm
Subject: LOW POWER FCC RM _ 9242

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Dear comminisor ,

Please support FCC RM-9242

Thpmas Acey
729 South 19thn Street
Newark, NJ 07193

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From: Jerel Walden <jerelw@bertschi.seattle.wa.us>
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("automated_activism@we-2.com")
Date: 7/19/98 4:29am
Subject: Jerel Walden says Legalize Micro Radio

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From: Robert L. Vogel <vogel@mail.snet.net>
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Date: 7/19/98 11:20am
Subject: Robert L. Vogel says Legalize Micro Radio

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From: Ross Cannon <crc777@juno.com>
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Date: 7/19/98 12:53am
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To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("automated_activism@we-2.com")
Date: 7/19/98 7:52pm
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From: rob osattin <rosattin@netcom.com>
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("automated_activism@we-2.com")
Date: 7/20/98 1:16am
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From: <fisherj@cul.net>
To: A7.A7(WKENNARD)
Date: 7/20/98 1:16am
Subject: micro-broadcasting regulation and deregulation

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 individuals from recieving licenses to operate 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, wealthy 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.

Mr. James Fisher
419 Balmoral Rd.
Winter Park, FL 32789

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Subject: Chris Hurd says Legalize Micro Radio

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