

Members of the FCC:

I implore you as the governing body of radio communications to move ahead with doubling the wattage limit for community radio stations. Allow the myriad voices of our fellow citizens to be heard farther and stronger, encouraging and tangibly supporting the expression of first amendment rights, unbounded by commercial viability. It is a small but significant act, this enabling of communication, especially in the relatively rural landscape in which I reside. The extra wattage ensures emergency broadcasts, important local stories, and culturally relevant viewpoints and solutions are heard through the hills and mountains, as well as the city infrastructure. Please choose to uphold -or at least move closer to the ideal - that speech of the citizens should be, at a minimum, on equal footing with commercial speech. Thank you for your time and consideration.