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February 18, 1999

TO:

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Washington, DC

ATTN:

Honorable Chairman Kennard
Honorable Commissioner Tristani
Honorable Commissioner Ness
Honorable Commissioner Powell
Honorable Commissioner Furchgott-Roth

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In the Matter of

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Docket No. MM 95-25

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I thank you in advance for your careful review of this very important matter.

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CongressmanTauzin and Edward Fritz of The NAB,Have Violated the American Peoples Bill Of Rights,Civil Rights,Freedom Of Speech,Freedom Of Expression,and Our Constitutional Rights:

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Our nation is, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.- that our nation, under God, shall have freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth,and that Woman,Blacks,Hispanics,and the Less Fortunate,have the right to Achieve Free Enterprise,and earn a Liveing in the United States Of America: As Proposed by the FCC in there Adoption of LPFM Broadcast Service,for those Citizens who want to Achieve a Community Broadcast Service and Business.

Citizens Alert Our
Bill Of Rights and Constitution Under Assault by:

Billy Tauzin Congressman:
Federal Building
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Ed Fritz
NAB National Association Of Broadcasters:
And
The Right Wing Of The Republican Party:

FCC ADOPTS NPRM!

Thursday morning, January 28th, the FCC adopted the NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rule Making) regarding Low-Power FM (LPFM). This means the low-power radio is becoming a legal reality! The full text of the NPRM is available at the FCC in plain text or WordPerfect format or here at ARD in the Acrobat PDF format, but the basic concept of the NPRM is the creation of a 3-level LPFM service:

*LP-1,000 -- 1,000 watts of power with protected contour of 9 miles *LP-100 -- 100 watts of power with protected contour of 3.5 miles *Micro Class -- 1 to 10 watts of power, protected 1-2 miles

Top Legislator Blasts FCC Microradio Proposal
(Last updated 6:26 PM ET February 11)
By Aaron Pressman

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The top Republican in the House of Representatives overseeing communications policy Thursday blasted a plan to allow thousands

of new low-powered radio stations.

Rep. Billy Tauzin of Louisiana said the Federal Communications Commission plan for so-called microradio would reduce the audience and advertising revenue of current stations and possibly create severe interference. (Joey Dee Statement) This statement by Tauzin is a Obtrusive and Contrary to laws and customs of our Nation, Tauzin and the NAB are Stealing my right to Own an operate a Free Enterprise Business in the United States, they are Stealing my Freedom Of Expression, an my Civil Rights and my Free Speech !) The FCC "is an agency out of control that demands congressional action to straighten it out," Tauzin said at a luncheon meeting of the National Association of Broadcaster's group of top radio executives.

Tauzin chairs the House Commerce Committee's communications subcommittee. The luncheon meeting, in a private dining room of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Arlington, Va., included billionaire Lowry Mays, co-founder of Clear Channel Communications Inc.

New Internet and satellite radio broadcasters were adding new voices to the airwaves, while current radio and television stations were being underutilized, possibly providing outlets for unheard viewpoints, Tauzin argued.

"Are the stations we have now enough? Are they utilized properly?" Tauzin asked. In some television markets, the children's program "Barney" was shown on public television 15 times a day, Tauzin said.

But FCC Chairman William Kennard urged Tauzin to talk to the educational, religious and community groups that support the microradio plan before opposing the idea.

"There is enough room for the voices of churches, schools, and neighborhood groups as well as established radio companies," Kennard said in a statement released after Tauzin spoke. "I'm sure that Chairman Tauzin does not want to limit Americans' choices to whom or what they can hear on the radio. I hope that when he speaks with the church and community leaders who I have spoken with, he will see the benefits of low-power FM."

After also accusing the FCC of "coercion and extortion" when it reviewed industry merger deals, Tauzin said he planned to introduce legislation to revamp the agency's structure and powers.

"I will need your help, I will need your guidance and I will need you counsel," the lawmaker told the radio station owners.

Tauzin also said he would introduce a bill to repeal a provision of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that subsidizes Internet connections for schools and libraries.

The education rate, or e-rate, discount is funded from fees added to long distance telephone calls. The program came under fire from some Republicans last year who dubbed it the "Al Gore tax."

Before speaking, Tauzin sent a letter to FCC chairman William Kennard calling the microradio initiative "ill-advised."

"I request that you take no further action on this agenda," Tauzin wrote.

Last month, the FCC proposed creating hundreds or even thousands of new FM radio stations broadcasting at 1,000 watts down to as little as one watt. Commercial stations typically broadcast at 6,000 watts or more, requiring expensive equipment and massive antenna towers.

The proposal was issued for public comment and could be revised or put on hold after the brief comment period.

Supporters of the plan said they were somewhat surprised by Tauzin's opposition.

"There's a disconnect between yesterday's rhetoric and today's," said Andrew Schwartzman, president of the Media Access Project, a nonprofit law firm backing the microradio supporters.

"I would have thought that the FCC's use of the Communications Act to end protectionism and permit the entry of hundreds or thousands of new businesses into the most dynamic and growing part of our economy is something Billy Tauzin would be pushing not stopping," Schwartzman said

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I am very interested in seeing low power FM becoming a reality. Too many stations have become homogenized into what they "think" the masses want to hear. They have all become gutless wonders that never "think outside the box".

Low power FM can only help everyone by inserting much needed competition in local markets where there is an obvious void. I fully support the low power FM model and hope that you will join me in making sure that one of the principles our country was founded on... namely free market competition, will be allowed to flourish.

Sincerely,
Charles London (excelsior@mindspring.com)

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Please re-legalize low power FM radio broadcasting in the US. Don't be pressured by the NAB-do what is right for the citizenry of this nation.

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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket # 99-25 & #95-25:

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am heartened to see that the FCC is moving toward establishing licensing for low-power FM stations. I urge you to adopt rules for licensing Low Power FM radio that prioritize the needs of underrepresented and underserved communities, and those with limited access to capital. I am confident you agree that broad citizen access to information and culture is at the heart of a democratic society.

To support this vision, I urge you to proceed with the legalization of "micro-radio," with the following concerns in mind:

1. There should be completely non-commercial service. The current radio spectrum is dominated by commercial media. LPFM licenses should go to non-commercial community groups who want to use radio to communicate to the constituents and their neighbors, not to make a profit.
2. Licenses should be held locally, be non-transferable, affordable to all communities, easy to apply for and limited to one per license holder; they should NOT be businesses.
3. Power levels should be up to 100 watts in urban areas and up to 250 watts in rural areas.
4. No secondary status whatever should be allowed.
5. Problems, technical or otherwise, should be referred to the local voluntary micropower organization for assistance or mediation (e.g. the Ham radio model). The FCC should be the forum of last resort.
6. LPFM should be included in the future of digital radio.
7. If the FCC insists on licensing some commercial stations, they must be licensed last. In this instance, there should be a 2 year "headstart" for non-commercial licenses. The right of citizens to communicate is protected by the Constitution and the FCC's mandate. The right to make profit through local radio is not guaranteed under the FCC's mandate.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of these vital issues. I will appreciate your prompt response to these concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Senators and
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Don't Let Tauzin Make This a Fascist Republic, Give the American People
there Constitutional Rights and Bill Of Rights:

Tauzin the American People
are Aware of your Affiliation with the NAB You Grease there Palms they in
Return Grease Your Palms .It is takeing a Considerable amount of time but
it wont be long before you are made Obvious to the American Public,how you
Violate there Constitution,Civil Rights and Bill of Rights. Aganist
Woman,Blacks,Hispanics and Minority's.You will be Removed from Office Soon
Enough:

Tauzin moves against low-power radio: Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman
of the House telecommunications subcommittee, plans to put the kibosh on a
Federal Communications Commission rule-making that could lead to the
creation of thousands of low-power radio stations. The lawmaker will send
FCC Chairman Bill Kennard a letter Wednesday or Thursday asking him to
suspend the rule-making until his panel holds hearings. "He and his agency
are subject to Congress," Rep. Tauzin said. "The law is that Congress makes

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the policy." The legislator is concerned that low-power radio will interfere with commercial radio signals and draw listeners away from public stations. He said Congress needs to explore whether the new stations would be for profit or nonprofit and what their marketplace impact would be. Congress has repeatedly criticized the FCC chairman for overstepping the agency's regulatory authority.

Rainbow/PUSH-ing for Low Power

Jesse Jackson, head of the Rainbow/PUSH coalition, has endorsed the FCC's plan to create a new class of low power FM stations. "It is critical that our policymakers continue to provide new opportunities for community-based radio broadcasting," Jackson said. "Diversity and equal access to information is in the spirit of a true democracy." Jackson added that *microradio should not be allowed to create interference with digital radio* service the industry is developing. "We do not want to limit future advances in radio," he said.

From: Joshua <jbilleau@intersurf.com>
To: K1DOM.K1PO1(FCCINFO)
Date: Thu, Feb 25, 1999 10:04 PM
Subject: FCC low broadcast stations.

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Hi. I am just a regular citizen. For many years I always wanted to start my own radio station. With the success of the internet, I hope that soon you decide to fix current laws with the FCC. The thing that has stoped me from starting my own radio station is the strict penalties for starting an unlicensed radio station. I believe in freedom in America and I am not out to hurt anyone. But a person who wants to start a radio station and doesn't have millions of dollars hardly has a chance to broadcast. I know you might suggest for me to get a job at radio stations that have licenses, but I want total creative control of a station. . .and not just become a stations "lucky". Please hear my cry for justice. I would appreciate it if you would reply. Thank You.

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Honorable Elected Officials: Senators and Congressman:

Keep Free Enterprise, as it is a Civil Right!

The American People Have A Right To Free
 Enterprise, Contrary To the Big Money Changers Billy Tauzin, And Ed Fritz Of
 The NAB and the Radio Conglomerates

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Personal liberty includes the right to enter the free market of economic activity LPFM Broadcast Service, As Proposed By The FCC Docket MM 99-25 and the free market of ideas. You have the right to participate in the free market and speak your mind freely. You have no guarantee of success in free enterprise, but you have the right to defend yourself against anyone who tries to limit or extinguish your right to free enterprise, Such as Congressman Billy Tauzin Of Louisiana and Ed Fritz of the NAB . Free enterprise built this country. Let's keep building.

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Citizens Alert

We the American People Elected You to Supervise (our the Americans Peoples Government) Not Yours we pay you for services rendered.

Give us the Opportunity to own an Operate a LPFM Broadcast Community Business and Service, as Proposed by The FCC Docket MM 99-25

Our nation is, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.- that our nation, under God, shall have freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth, and that Woman, Blacks, Hispanics, and the Less Fortunate, have the right to Achieve Free Enterprise, and earn a Liveing in the United States Of America: As Proposed by the FCC in there Adoption of LPFM Broadcast Service, for those Citizens who want to Achieve a Community Broadcast Service and Business.

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Look at the above Statement and Tauzin is our Representative, he flat out tells us and the FCC sorry but you dont have any Civil Rights and you can not Operate a Business in the United States, because It will take MONEY OUT OF MY POCKETS AND MY GOOD OLD BUDDIES THE RADIO CONGLOMERATES AND MOST OF ALL MY GOOD OLD BOY ED THE MONEY CHANGER FRITZ OF THE NAB!!

This statement by Tauzin is a Obtrusive and Contrary to laws and customs of our Nation, Tauzin and the NAB are Stealing my right to Own an operate a Free Enterprise Business in the United States, they are Stealing my Freedom Of Expression, an my Civil Rights and my Free Speech !)

We exercise and or put in to action our Legal, and Civil Rights, and abide by the Law Of a free Democracy, Governed by and for the people, with fair, responsible, and, accountable representation by our Elected Officials.

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1. From the Bill of Rights: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..."

2. Article 19: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

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Subject: Low Power Radio

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To Whom It May Concern:

My friends and I just had our low power station shut down by the FCC.
It's too bad because:

We're in a rural area and made sure we weren't stepping on anyone else's
signal;

We provided a public service (We helped someone find a lost dog in our
neighborhood by broadcasting information);

We broadcasted genre-free radio without commercials;

People loved our station and no one complained.

Please do whatever you can to loosen the reins on low power radio. The
residents of our small town would sure appreciate it.

Thank you.

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Subject: Low Power FM Stations

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Dear FCC:

I'm strongly supportive of the FCC's proposed licensing of low power FM stations. Providing more opportunity for a greater variety of broadcasting content will be a boon to most communities, especially small ones like mine. I appreciate the Commission's work in this regard.

Sincerely,
Brad Taylor, P.O. Box 1190, Keyser, WV 26726

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Date: Tue, Feb 16, 1999 9:32 PM
Subject: LPFM

I would like to express my support for low power FM stations. The public needs a break form corporate radio which has been clogging up the dial with proگرامing from hell. Free form radio died around 1971 except for a few stations, mostly non commercial, leaving a lot to be desired. For some unknown reason DJs think it's cool to talk over the music intros and endings and then telling how the give us less talk and more music. Wow, ten in a row. I'm in heaven. Well, not quite. The point is, let micro broadcasting happen. We need it.

On another note. WSOU 89.5 blocks out WPKN 89.5 in my area. Allow WPKN to put out more power towards the south or whatever it takes to resolve the problem.
Thanks. Donoli.

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Subject: LPFM Broadcasting

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Dear Federal Communications Commision,

I think that you SHOULD let LPFM broadcasting have it's own freqs 88.0-92.0 or such. Or let there be a small fee to set up a small radio station. I agree with you that obscene things should be taking off the air and fined or their equipment confiscated.

Sincerely,
Max Strickler

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Commissioner Kennard:

I just wanted to offer my strong support for your efforts to open up the airwaves to small budget community organizations. I'm sure you're taking a lot of heat right now from businessmen and politicians who put profits before people, so I very much appreciate your willingness to maintain a high profile stand for public access to public resources. Currently all U.S. media are controlled in dangerously few hands, so every effort to diversify both the context of ownership and content of programming is an important blow for freedom of speech and freedom of information. Minimizing the restrictions that hinder the development of microradio is simply the most obvious and vital of the changes that need to occur. Again, thanks for your good work.

Bill Stephenson
Professor of English
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Subject: Restrictions of micro-powered liscensing

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to let you know that I am very supportive of the FCC's recent consideration of liscensing micro-powered radio stations (100 watts and under). However, I feel strongly that any changes in the regulatory structure should include the following restrictions:

1. Non-commercial
2. Strict local ownership
3. Primarily local programming
4. Strict "one-to-a-customer" ownership limits
5. Extremely simplified and streamlined registration or licensing procedures

Our airwaves are currently overflowing with commercial voices, often owned by large corporations with no ties to the community being served. These suggestions, as proposed by The Committee on Democratic Communications of the National Lawyers Guild (CDC), would ensure that a new micro-broadcasting agreement from the FCC would not simply lead to more corporate-owned stations dominating our news and our culture.

I am aware the FCC has in the past taken a hard-line, repressive approach to dealing with micro-broadcasters. The fact that the FCC is considering a change in policy in this regard is to be applauded, but every effort must be made to ensure that the airwaves are shared responsibly by communities to extend and enhance our democratic culture, not to enrich the private sector.

Thank you for your time,
 Diana Nankin
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First let me express my gratitude for your foresight and leadership on Low Power FM. I write in respect to Rep. Billy Tauzin's letter, which implies the agency should halt a rule-making on LPFM until Congress holds hearings. It is deplorable that a member of the house would denigrate interested parties as skinheads. He also went on to say, "It is one more example of the FCC going off on its agenda rather than following the agenda of Congress," he added.

Rep. Tauzin is obviously a staunch ally of the NAB. But to characterize the many Americans who have pursued this initiative in a manner set down by due process, as "skinheads", is absolutely reprehensible. As has become abundantly apparent, the congressman's focus is on the fact the Commission may have preempted the holy domain of decision-making by the house. The fact that the FCC has reflected the will of thousands of Americans is moot. This is an obvious end run around the will of the public.

Tauzin's allegiance to the NAB notwithstanding, there were 13,000 primarily positive inquiries to the FCC on the creation of Low Power FM. That's a lot of skinheads.

The rational, stabilizing voices must be heard on this issue. The time quickly approaches when a handful of corporations will own the vast majority of all radio. Can a Los Angeles station afford to cater to the needs of my town of Laguna Beach 85 miles to the south? Not likely. However, as profits soar for the major owners they cling viciously to territory. This is territory many of them don't serve at all. As FCC Commissioner Tristiani said in a speech recently,

"Localism is the bedrock of our broadcast system. We license stations to communities, not to states or regions. Each station is assigned a specific community that it must serve. To me, it means covering local issues, reporting local news, doing local programming, providing an outlet for local voices."

Unfortunately, the broadcast system developed while much of Orange County was hinterland. The prospect of LPFM may be the first and last opportunity ever to right this long standing shortcoming.

I urge you to stand fast, review the forthcoming engineering studies that will refute the exaggerated claims of interference, and to stand up to this railroading of public will.

Again from the responsible broadcasters among us thank you for your valiant effort. Thank you for your time.

Robert McCord

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Date: Wed, Feb 17, 1999 2:00 PM
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Kendon A. Kraska (kkraska@columbus.rr.com) writes:

Dear Chairman Kennard: The letter below was sent to Michael Oxley, Paul Gillmor, and Thomas Sawyer of Ohio; and to W.J. Tauzin and Tom Bliley, FYI. Really hope to see the LPFM service*Keep up the good work*you have many citizens behind you!

Dear Rep.

Please allow me to tell a story about myself. When I was ten years old and living in Akron, Ohio, my parents bought me my first FM radio. I was ecstatic! About a year later, I connected a microphone and a record player to a Mr. Microphone my aunt got me for Christmas, and thereby started my first *radio station. Only our next door neighbor could pick it up, though.

Later, when I was in high school in Medina, Ohio, I built a transmitter which went about three miles. This was a more professional operation, with some of the neighborhood kids helping out on the air. Once I went to college that was the end of the station, but since I was sixteen I have been and continue to work professionally in broadcasting in various capacities.

As you probably are aware, since the radio mergers began a few years ago, the nature of the business has changed. Large corporations have bought out most of the *mom and pop stations. The result, as I see it, has been less emphasis on innovation and localism, and more of a *sameness in programming.

So when I read of the FCC considering a low power FM service, my heart skipped a beat. This will be an excellent opportunity for smaller communities and ethnic groups, for example, to have a voice on the airwaves. It will serve as a forum, and foster a real sense of community, often so lacking in many areas.

As my representative, please be sure that the wishes of large broadcasting companies do not exert undue influence and overshadow what the people want and deserve. I and many others will be watching and waiting for LPFM in the United States, as already exists in many other democratic countries. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

Apparently, Representative Billy Tauzin of Louisiana has been bought for a song--on the radio. I support Chairman Kennard's low-power FM radio initiative, and wish to hear more independent, low-power radio stations in my hometown. Aside from the anti-American, anti-consumer rants of Rep. Tauzin, there is very little true community radio heard in the U.S. today. I don't listen to commercial radio stations because I don't care for the so-called music and the incessant ads, and although I listen to public radio exclusively, I'm not happy with a public radio system which relies on nationally-syndicated programs that I can hear anywhere. Like community-access TV, I want to hear the voice of a person that lives in my hometown tell me what's going on, and to hear what kind of music they like, or even just what they think.

Commercial radio is like every other commercial media monopoly today in the U.S.--if they're not being seductive, they're being offensive. I'm not 80 years old, I'm not a religious nut, I'm not angling for an FCC license. I'm just old enough to remember when listening to radio was fun and informative and truly entertaining, and smart enough to know that the current situation is pretty dismal. A lot of people know this too. They just don't take the time to write.

I hope ya'll can resist idiots like Tauzin and do something positive for the American people. Good luck.

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Dear Senators and
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Don't Let Tauzin Make This a Fascist Republic, Give the American People
there Constitutional Rights and Bill Of Rights:

Tauzin the American People
are Aware of your Affiliation with the NAB You Grease there Palms they in
Return Grease Your Palms .It is takeing a Considerable amount of time but
it wont be long before you are made Obvious to the American Public,how you
Violate there Constitution,Civil Rights and Bill of Rights. Aganist
Woman,Blacks,Hispanics and Minority's.You will be Removed from Office Soon
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Tauzin moves against low-power radio: Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman
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Rainbow/PUSH-ing for Low Power

Jesse Jackson, head of the Rainbow/PUSH coalition, has endorsed the FCC's plan to create a new class of low power FM stations. "It is critical that our policymakers continue to provide new opportunities for community-based radio broadcasting," Jackson said. "Diversity and equal access to information is in the spirit of a true democracy." Jackson added that microradio should not be allowed to create interference with digital radio service the industry is developing. "We do not want to limit future advances in radio," he said.

From: "Lyn Gerry" <lyn@wilshire.net>
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RE: FCC Proposal to legalize low-power FM community radio

Dear Rep. Tauzin and Committee Members,

Rep. Tauzin is quoted as follows in em online
 <www.emonline.com>, a media industry publication as follows:

"Tauzin moves against low-power radio: Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House telecommunications subcommittee, plans to put the kibosh on a Federal Communications Commission rule-making that could lead to the creation of thousands of low-power radio stations. The lawmaker will send FCC Chairman Bill Kennard a letter Wednesday or Thursday asking him to suspend the rule-making until his panel holds hearings. "He and his agency are subject to Congress," Rep. Tauzin said. "The law is that Congress makes the policy." The legislator is concerned that low-power radio will interfere with commercial radio signals and draw listeners away from public stations. He said Congress needs to explore whether the new stations would be for profit or nonprofit and what their marketplace impact would be. Congress has repeatedly criticized the FCC chairman for overstepping the agency's regulatory authority. "

I have a few remarks on Mr. Tauzin's comments.

Mr. Tauzin seems to have forgotten that his role as a member of Congress is to work on behalf of the * American people* not as a defender of the profits of a handful of corporations. Indeed, if there is such a concern that the new low-power service would take away audience, this is essentially an admission on his part that the radio fare presently available is so useless that audience will only be gotten by the government actively working to prevent any alternative being available to the people.

However, that's not the whole story. Even radio industry publications admit that fewer and fewer people are bothering to listen to the radio anymore at all.

Beyond that, there is an even more fundamental concern than what "radio products" are available to consumers. This is the concern of the people's free speech rights with respect to the public airwaves. It is my right to be able to *speak* on the radio, not just listen. I am a citizen/voter/taxpayer of this nation. I, as do others, desire to use the public airwaves in order to communicate with other citizens on matters of importance to our nation. I desire, and am demanding my rights to do so on *my* terms, not those of the rich and powerful radio station owners. There is a gatekeeping of who is permitted to speak. Last time I checked, there was no means testing for the First Amendment. However, the current structure has created one for all practical purposes. And "public radio" is no different.

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I am one of many who are beyond tired of corporate spokespersons passing for journalists, and the censorship of information, ideas and discussion not advantageous to the self-interested profit-making activities of the owners.

Finally, Mr. Tauzin's statement serves to reinforce the impression already held by a significant part of the electorate that the US Congress no longer represents the people but has been bought and paid for, and dances with, the corporate interests "what brung 'em."

This is what the U. S. House of Representatives needs to consider. If Congress decides to stand in the way, as opposed to facilitate, free speech on the public airwaves, we, the people, will take matters into our own hands, and continue to broadcast "illegally."

If the U.S. government continues to respond by sending in armed SWAT teams of enforcement officials, it is my projection that this will serve to awaken the largely stupefied electorate and cause them to re-evaluate their opinion as to whether this is indeed a free country, or only a free country for the rich.

Sincerely,

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CHARLES R. MILKIS (CM4M@HOTMAIL.COM) writes:

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I'M A FORMER FCC ATTORNEY (1987-1990) TURNED BROADCASTER. I'VE E-MAILED YOU BEFORE, AND I'VE YET TO FEEL MY COMMENTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY. WE ARE ENTREPRENEURS TRYING TO COMPETE WITH MAJOR GROUP OWNERS. EVERYTHING YOU SAY ABOUT CONSOLIDATION IS RIGHT, YET THE ONLY ACTION I'VE SEEN TO ADDRESS IT IS THE PROPOSED CREATION OF A NEW LPFM SERVICE. I HAVE TWO COMMENTS:

(1) THE FCC HAS HAD A FREEZE ON STATION UPGRADES FOR 15 MONTHS NOW. THE FEEZE HAS PREVENTED US FROM UPGRADING OUR AM STATIONS IN RICHMOND, VA (990AM) AND NORFOLK, VA (670AM), SO WE'VE BEEN STUCK TRYING TO COMPETE WITH THE MAJOR GROUP OWNERS. ALL WE ASK IS A CHANCE TO SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO UPGRADE AM STATIONS? SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT WE BELIEVE ENOUGH IN AM RADIO, AND IN SERVICE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY (WE'RE THE ONLY NEWS STATIONS IN OUR MARKETS) TO SPEND THOSE KIND OF DOLLARS TO IMPROVE OUR SIGNALS. WILL WE EVER HAVE THAT CHANCE? OR WILL IT COME AFTER WE'VE HAD TO GIVE UP?

(2) LPFM IS NOT A WAY TO ADDRESS THE HARMFUL AFFECTS OF CONSOLIDATION. IT WILL DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO HELP SMALL, INDEPENDENT BROADCASTERS LIKE ME. I JUST READ THE FOLLOWING QUOTE IN THE RADIO BUSINESS REPORT DATED 2/22/99: "THE COMMISSION'S ZEAL TO ALLOW ENTREPRENEURS TO ENTER THE BROADCAST FIELD IGNORES THE FACT THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE ALREADY FULLY COMMITTED WITH THEIR LIFE SAVINGS IN THESE SMALL COMMUNITIES AND THEY [THE FCC] ARE JUST ABSOLUTELY IGNORING THEM AND ABUSING THEM." -- CARY SIMPSON, CHAIRMAN, RAB'S SMALL MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT EXISTING SMALL BROADCASTERS DESPERATELY NEED THE FCC'S HELP, AND WE'RE NOT GETTING IT. WHY CREATE A NEW, COMPETITIVE BROADCAST SERVICE WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE ONE THAT IS STRUGGLING TO COMPETE? PLEASE, LET US FILE UPGRADE APPLICATIONS. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU,
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Philip H. Richman (philiprichman@yahoo.com) writes:

I wish to voice my support for the low powered FM station initiative. We have too much homogenized junk in the regular stations. As it is I have completely given up on anything above 92 on the dial. Please don't let Tauzin intimidate you, he represents financial interests inimical to the cultural values of a free society.

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Dear Mr. Kennard:

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It has come to my attention that Rep. Billy Tauzin, of Louisiana, has contacted you in an attempt to derail Docket 99-25, the LPFM proposal.

As a concerned citizen, professional broadcaster and LPFM proponent, I support your historic and heroic stand to bring low-power, community-based, radio to the USA. I urge you, and the other Commissioners, to resist any negative pressure from Representative Tauzin, the NAB or any other individual or organization, and to move forward with this much-needed proposal.

The FCC, under your leadership, is about to make history. Please do not let the myopic vision of a select few, hinder or halt the forward march of history for the larger citizenry. You are an inspiration to us all... keep it up!

With the utmost respect....

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Urgent Alert - LPFM NPRM Being Threatened...

Rep. Tauzin is obviously beholden to the NAB and his latest statements are obviously echoes from the NAB. He and NAB President Eddie Fritts were even COLLEGE ROOMMATES! We all need to immediately contact our Congressman and U.S. Senators to head off this attack on LPFM and the underlying freedom of speech issues it involves. Let's get our ducks in a row on Capitol Hill to support Chairman Kennard and the other Commissioners who voted for the LPFM NPRM.

The war for LPFM has now begun in earnest and it is a war! It's time to take off the gloves folks and fight for what you believe in. It means investing time, phone calls, letters, faxes, etc. and money to travel to Washington to get our politicians to respond to our concerns over Tauzin's attempts to squash LPFM! Remember, we outnumber them! Let's prove it now.....

Here is what he is up to.....

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Telecommunications Subcommittee, lashed out at the Federal Communications Commission Thursday for overstepping its regulatory authority. He said the agency commits a "grave sin" by imposing fees on radio stations and phone companies that amount to an illegal tax. In a letter today to FCC Chairman Bill Kennard, he said the agency should halt a rule-making that could create thousands of low-power radio stations until Congress holds hearings. "Imagine skinhead stations springing up throughout America," he said, expressing one of his concerns. "It is one more example of the FCC going off on its agenda rather than following the agenda of Congress," he added.

This is a perfect example of a well lobbied politician trying to do an end run around the obvious will of the public as shown in the record of comments filed already in this proceeding at the FCC. WE MUST NOT TOLERATE THIS OUTLANDISH BEHAVIOR AND ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE OUR FREEDOMS. His motives and agenda are obvious and he is bowing to the will of Eddie Fritts, President of the NAB, his "good ole boy" buddy going clear back to college days when they were roommates.

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Ryan Szekeres (kb9tqn@amsat.org) writes:

Keep fighting for low power! As an amateur radio weiner I think it's great. It might get people including myself interested in radio! I also think it's great for the community. We have a pretty crappy enighborhood. If we had a radio station everyone could turn to for ultra local news we could clean it up! We could have the beat cop answering questions every week instead of every month. When a shooting happens we could give out a description so if anyone sees the jerks they can notify the police. The possibilities are endless! Please keep fighting!

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