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Regarding NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket # 99-25 & #95-25/

I urge you to adopt rules for licensing Low Power FM radio that prioritize the needs of under-served and under-financed communities. Your office has the power, and the mandate, to ensure that ordinary people can claim a piece of the pie that big corporations dominate and control. 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 legalize 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, not to make a profit.
2. Licenses should be held locally, be non-transferable, affordable to all communities, easy to apply for, NOT businesses, and limited to one per license holder.
3. Power levels should be up to 100 watts in urban areas and up to 250 watts in rural areas.
4. NO secondary status
5. Microbroadcast pioneers who have suffered government seizure and fines should receive amnesty, have their property returned, and be prioritized for new licenses.
6. Problems, technical or otherwise, should be referred to the local voluntary micropower organization for assistance or mediation (eg. the Ham radio model). The FCC should be the forum of last resort.
7. LPFM must be included in the future of digital radio.
8. If the FCC intends to license 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 money through local radio is not.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of these vital issues.

Sincerely,

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******Radio for All!!! **Action Alert** Speak Up Now!!!!******

Dear Supporter of Democratic Media:

After a 21-year ban, the Federal Communications Commission has finally re-opened the door to make Low-Power FM (LPFM) radio licenses available. But as you might expect, there's a catch...

If the FCC allows commercial LPFM and the auction of licenses, under-served community groups and their neighborhoods will lose miserably to other interests with deeper pockets. Democracy needs more non-commercial spaces, not more concession stands for the powerful.

Public outcry, and a lot of it, may be the only way to make this potential victory stick. The FCC is taking comments until April 12th on the make-up of the new licensing regulations. This is a very rare opportunity to pro-actively influence the status of our publicly-owned airwaves.

What You Can Do:

- write letters/email the FCC: demand legalization and prioritizing of non-commercial, low power, community-based FM radio (sign & send sample on back or contact CPR for the email version)
- contact Community Powered Radio (CPR) in Seattle to join the growing list of community groups, civic orgs., and neighbors signing-on to support our "formal" presentation to the FCC in April - add your voice to those of the National Lawyers' Guild, FAIR, the California Green Party, and many others!!!
- get involved locally: CPR supports Northwest communities in making low-power radio that serves the interests of their neighborhoods. We need your input and energy to make group presentations, provide micro-radio resources, and educate about the necessity for truly democratic media.

Please be in touch. (email: cpr@gurlmail.com phone: 329-6116)