

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to commend you for proposing a change in the FCC's rules regarding micro radio stations. I am a public radio producer, but I think it's absolutely critical, that we open up the airwaves to more local participants, particularly in light of the dramatic reduction in local news available to Americans around the country.

I urge you to see to it that the rules that are ultimately adopted protect the interests of non-commercial individuals and community groups who have lots of valuable information for the community and very few media forums in which to disseminate it.

Thank you for taking a courageous stand on this issue.

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P.S. - I'm appalled that for citizen comments people have to figure out which proceeding number applies. This is not user-friendly!