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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Notice of *ex parte* presentation in MM docket 99-25;

Dear Ms. Salas:

On May 15, 1999 I met with Mr. Rick Chesin, senior aid to Commissioner Tristani to discuss the pending Rulemaking in MM Docket 99-25. I told him that I work with and represented the National Lawyers Guild Committee on Democratic Communications and the Microradio Empowerment Coalition.

I gave him some background on the development of the micro radio movement, and I expressed my groups' strong feeling that any new low power fm service must be entirely non-commercial and locally based. I pointed out that our interest and that of the non-commercial community based micro-broadcasters and activists we represent is for a service that will bring different voices, ideas, and culture to the air, and my belief that a commercially based system, while possibly different at the start would soon succumb to advertiser pressures and concerns and be little different than the present system. I pointed out that a properly regulated low power system was the best way to ensure that there would be no interference problems.

I told him that we hoped that the Commissioner would support the establishment of a new low power FM system.

I explained that we would be filing a Comment which was being made available to the micro community to join.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 (b) of the Commission's rules, an original and three copies of this letter are being filed with your office.

Very Truly Yours,



Peter Franck

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