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Dear Chairman Kennard:

Federal Communications Commission  
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We have learned that the Federal Communications Commission is considering changing its rules to allow economical low-powered FM broadcasting.

We are an international non-profit organization that works for diversity opinion and point-of-view in the media. We advocate science-based programming that fosters an appreciation and understanding of science among members of the public.

We find that the massive consolidation of media ownership over the past few years has caused an alarming trend of anti-scientific and pro-superstition media presentations that undermine national scientific literacy. This trend makes it more pressing than ever that locally owned, non-commercial, community based, Low Power FM (LPFM) become a viable option for communities all over the country.

Our organization would like to join the Microradio Empowerment Coalition in urging your Commission to legalize a low power non-commercial community based FM radio service. To do so would be a powerful way to support a genuine diversity of viewpoint and perspective on the airwaves.. We support the comments submitted by the National Lawyers Guild Committee on Democratic Communications (NLG/CDC) which includes:

- \*the creation of a strictly non-commercial community based service
- \*only one station per license holder
- \*primarily locally programmed stations
- \*licensing fees affordable to all communities
- \*the use of local microbroadcasters associations to resolve questions of frequency, allotment and interference
- \*amnesty and return of property for microbroadcasters who suffered government seizure of property and fines

We appreciate your serious consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Kurtz  
Chair

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