



CITY OF HAZEL PARK

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

111 East Nine Mile Road • Hazel Park, Michigan 48030

February 4, 1999

Michigan Music is World Class Campaign
c/o Jam Rag
PO Box 20076
Ferndale MI 48220

On behalf of our Hazel Park citizens, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hazel Park are in favor of F.C.C. to re-legalize community radio and we support the adoption of FCC RM-9242.

We believe it can improve access to our airwaves for all local residents without interfering with existing service. Radio is the most suitable of any media outlet to provide community access. It is relatively inexpensive to produce and is well suited to cover community issues and local music.

We support this petition and believe we owe the public some access to the airwaves they own. We hope the FCC will consider RM-9242 favorably.

Yours truly,

Ben Colley
Mayor

*Thanks for
keeping us informed!*

Police Dept.810-542-6161
Fire Dept.810-542-6000
City Attorney810-546-3379
Water Dept.810-546-4076

City Clerk810-546-4064
District Court810-547-3034
Dept. of Public Works...810-542-0340
Building Department...810-546-4075
City Manager.....810-546-4060

City Council810-546-4060
Treasurer810-546-4062
Finance Dept.810-546-4066
Planning/Econ. Dev. ...810-546-4072
Recreation Dept.....810-547-5535

Assessor810-546-4070
Library.....810-542-0940
Youth Protection810-546-4077
Code Enforcement810-546-4074



RESOLUTION NO. 99- 07

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as "FCC") stopped issuing new Class D broadcasting licenses, which licenses were for operations with use of 100 watts of power or less on FM bands;

WHEREAS, the ban on the issuance of Class D broadcasting licenses has been in force and effect over the term of the last 20 years, in part, to prevent the orderly development of FM radio and potential difficulties to the efficient operation of those FM stations serving a greater number of people and with a considerably higher wattage;

WHEREAS, the concerns that were set out by the FCC in the past have not developed and as a result, a change in FCC policies has been requested by virtue of a movement to re-institute Class D licenses and/or community radio, otherwise known as low power FM radio service;

WHEREAS, the Howell City Council believes that the re-institution of low power FM radio service will be, in fact, a worthwhile public service providing diversity of ownership, public choice, business promotion and communications reflecting the needs and character of the community both in and surrounding the City of Howell.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Howell City Council requests and encourages the FCC to restore approval for low power FM radio service and/or broadcasting pursuant to the current petition otherwise known as RM-9242, as amended through the rule making process.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted immediately by the City Clerk to the FCC.

Resolution passed this 29th day of March, 1999.

PAUL F. ROGERS, MAYOR

REBECCA J. RUTTAN, CLERK

**CITY OF LINCOLN PARK, MICHIGAN
CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION # 99-273**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN PARK, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

UNDER THE DATE OF: June 1, 1999

MOVE BY: Mayor Sall

SUPPORTED BY: the Full Council

WHEREAS, the FCC is receiving public comments concerning a proposal to reestablish low power broadcast services; and

WHEREAS, allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will promote communications that better reflect the character needs of the local communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park encourages the FCC to restore approval of low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission, Congressman John Dingell, Senator Carl Levin and Senator Spencer Abraham.

Motion unanimously carried.

I, DONNA BREEDING, duly authorized City Clerk of the City of Lincoln Park, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held under the date of: June 1, 1999.


DONNA BREEDING, CMC
CITY CLERK

The undersigned, Joan McCotter, City Clerk of the City of Livonia, does hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia, held on July 7, 1999 at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, at which time and place the following members of the Council were present: John J. Walsh, Val I. Vandersloot, John R. Pastor, Brian Duggan, Joe Laura, Maureen Miller Brosnan, and Jack Engebretson; Absent: None; the following resolution was duly adopted:

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSING
FOR LOW POWER FM RADIO STATIONS**

#461-99 WHEREAS, in 1978, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ended its licensing of low power (less than 100 watts) radio stations, thereby reducing the number of locally-based stations;

WHEREAS, under the current FCC rules, it is estimated that it would cost approximately \$80,000.00 to start-up a new radio station;

WHEREAS, nationally, a movement has emerged to advocate the reinstatement of low power, lower cost FM radio stations; this movement has resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the FCC, known as RM-9242;

WHEREAS, at the state level, the Michigan Senate has introduced Senate Resolution 234 (SR 234) and the House of Representatives has introduced House Resolution 379 (HR 379) which support the adoption of RM-9242 to create a new service of small, locally-owned FM stations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livonia City Council urges the FCC to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcastings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Engler, State Senator Thaddeus McCotter, State Representative Laura Toy, and State Representative Gerald Law.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution with the following result:

AYES: Walsh, Vandersloot, Pastor, Duggan, Laura, Brosnan and Engebretson

NAYS: None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto affixed her signature on this 22nd day of July, A.D. 1999.


Joan McCotter, City Clerk, City of Livonia
Wayne County, Michigan

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City of Marysville
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN
Resolution in Support of Community Radio

WHEREAS, In 1978, the Federal Communication Commission (F.C.C.) ended its licensing of low power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses to stations of less than 100 watts) reducing overall the number of locally based radio stations in service to local communities. Since that rule change, others factors such as increased consolidation within the radio broadcast market has contributed to a significant reduction in the number of community responsive radio services; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, a grassroots movement has emerged for the purpose of advocating F.C.C. reinstatement of licensing of low power radio stations. Their efforts have resulted in a formal rule – making petition before the F.C.C., R.M. – 9242, that would create opportunities for the return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and

WHEREAS, Re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business development and broadcast entrepreneurship; increase community choice and allow for communication services that are responsive to the needs of local communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Marysville urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting. The City of Marysville joins the Michigan Senate (SR234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking F.C.C. adoption of petition FM – 9242 to restore low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communication Commission.

YES:

NO:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Sharon L. Schess
City Clerk, CMC

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Marysville, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 24, 1999.

Sharon L. Schess
City Clerk, CMC

City of Melvindale
3100 Oakwood Boulevard
Melvindale, MI 48122
(313) 389-2000 fax 383-3993

Meeting of the Common Council, On Wednesday, May 19, 1999, at 7:30 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Kinard
Council Members: Kropik, Stuart, Green, Luzod, Davis
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Cadez

99-05-210 Moved by Luzod and supported by Stuart,

WHEREAS, the FCC is receiving public comments concerning a proposal to re-establish low power broadcast services; and

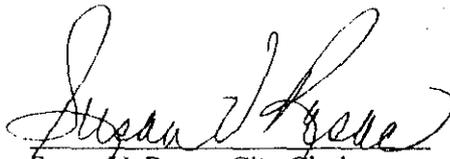
WHEREAS, allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will promote communications that better reflect the character needs of the local communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Melvindale encourages the FCC to restore approval of low power FM radio broadcasting, provided that no federal rules adopted in connection herewith attempt to pre-empt local regulations thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

Passed Unanimously

I, Susan V. Resac, City Clerk for the City of Melvindale, Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by Council of the City of Melvindale.


Susan V. Resac, City Clerk

Dated: May 27, 1999

CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS
ONE CROCKER BOULEVARD
MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN 48043
(810) 469-5805

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MAYOR QUINNIE E. CODY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as "FCC") stopped issuing new Class D broadcasting licenses, which licenses were for operations with use of 100 watts of power or less on FM bands;

WHEREAS, the ban on the issuance of Class D broadcasting licenses has been in force and effect over the term of the last 20 years, in part to prevent the orderly development of FM radio and potential difficulties to the efficient operation of those FM stations serving a greater number of people and with a considerably higher wattage;

WHEREAS, the concerns that were set out by the FCC in the past have not developed and as a result, a change in FCC policies has been requested by virtue of a movement to re-institute Class D licenses and/or community radio, otherwise known as low power FM radio service;

WHEREAS, the Mount Clemens City Commission believes that the re-institution of low power FM radio service will be, in fact, a worthwhile public service providing diversity of ownership, public choice, business promotion and communications reflecting the needs and character of the community both in and surrounding the City of Mount Clemens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Clemens City Commission requests and encourages the FCC to restore approval for low power FM radio service and/or broadcasting pursuant to the current petition otherwise known as RM-9242, as amended through the rule-making process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution, having been adopted by the Mount Clemens City Commission on Monday, May 17, 1999, be made a permanent part of the records of the City of Mount Clemens and that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted immediately by the City Clerk to the FCC.

ADOPTED: May 17, 1999



By: Quinnie E. Cody
Quinnie E. Cody
Mayor of Mount Clemens

By: Lynne Kennedy
Lynne Kennedy
Deputy City Clerk

At a Regular Meeting of the Royal Oak City Commission held on Monday, July 19, 1999, in City Hall, 211 Williams Street, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the City of Royal Oak urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution should be sent to the Federal Communications Commission.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Oak City Commission at a meeting held on July 19, 1999.

[Handwritten Signature]

City Clerk

Charter Township of Shelby

Terri Kowal
Clerk

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June 16, 1999

Ms. Justina Kopek
7831 Roberta Lane
Washington Twp, MI 48094

Dear Ms. Kopek:

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, June 15, 1999, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Kowal, supported by Parker, to acknowledge support of the Michigan Music is World Class Campaign urging the adoption of the pending plan to re-legalize community radio.
Motion carried.

Sincerely yours,



Terri Kowal
Township Clerk

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Richard A. Bottcher
Supervisor

Terri Kowal
Clerk

Linda Stout
Treasurer

Nancy Bates
Trustee

Kirby Holmes, Jr.
Trustee

Dave Kady
Trustee

Gilbert Parker
Trustee

City of Southgate
RESOLUTION

No. 103-99

at a regular meeting of the Southgate City Council

called to order by President Barbara Farrah on April 14, 1999

at 8:00 P.M. the following resolution was offered:

Moved Underwood Supported Holmes

RESOLVED, that Council hereby support the re-legalization of community radio and urge the F.C.C. to allow Class D licensing, as requested by Michael Landon, representing the "Michigan Music is World Class" campaign, 2212 Philomene, Lincoln Park, MI 48146.

Yeas: _____ Absent: _____
Nays: _____ Motion: Carried unanimously

I, THOMAS M. ALEXANDER, Clerk of the City of Southgate do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution passed by the Southgate City Council
at a regular meeting held April 14, 1999

Thomas M. Alexander
Thomas M. Alexander, City Clerk

cc: Exec, Atty, Landon, files

MAY 5, 1999

RESOLUTION NO. 5.450-99

At the regular meeting of the Taylor City Council held on May 4, 1999, the following resolution was adopted:

MOTION BY; GEISS

SUPPORTED BY; CHORKALUK

WHEREAS; The FCC is receiving public comments concerning a proposal to re-establish low power broadcast services; and

WHEREAS; Allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will promote communications that better reflect the character needs of the local communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; The City of Taylor encourages the FCC to restore approval of low power FM radio broadcasting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

AYES; Molner, McDermott, Ettore, Geiss, Chorkaluk, Riley

Nays: None

Absent: Bzura

Unanimously adopted.

I, Dorothy R. West, Clerk of the City of Taylor, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution as adopted by the Council of Taylor at a meeting thereof held in the Board Room at the Taylor Municipal Building, located at 23555 Goddard Road, Taylor, Michigan on the 4th day of May, 1999.


Dorothy R. West, City Clerk
City of Taylor

xc: Michael Landon
Federal Communications Commission

CITY OF TRENTON

RESOLUTION NO. 99-19

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) ended its licensing of low power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses to stations of less than 100 watts) reducing overall the number of locally-based radio stations in service to local communities. Since that rule change, other factors such as increased consolidation within the radio broadcast market has contributed to a significant reduction in the number of community responsive radio services; and

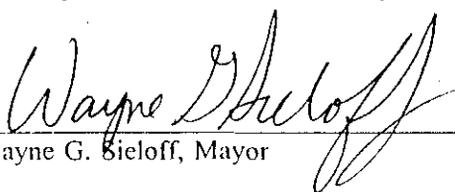
WHEREAS, Nationally, a grassroots movement has emerged for the purpose of advocating F.C.C. reinstatement of licensing of low power radio stations. Those efforts have resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the F.C.C. RM-9242, that would create opportunities for the return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and

WHEREAS, Re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business development and broadcast entrepreneurship, increase community choice and allow for communication services that are responsive to the needs of local communities;

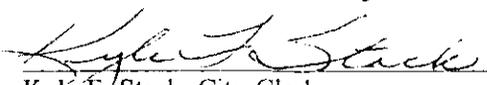
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trenton City Council urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting. The Trenton City Council joins the Michigan Senate (SR234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking F.C.C. adoption of petition FM-9242 to restore low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 3rd day of May, 1999.



Wayne G. Sieloff, Mayor



Kyle F. Stack, City Clerk



Township of Washington

COUNTY OF MACOMB

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Gary R. Kirsh, Supervisor
R J Brainard, Clerk
Linda S. Verellen, Treasurer

Fred Blonde, Trustee
Jack Dorrough, Trustee
Michael Murphy, Trustee
Barry L. Sutherland, Trustee

June 9, 1999

**COPY
INFORMATION
ONLY**

The Honorable William E. Kennard
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Washington Township Board of Trustees, urging the Federal Communications Commission "To restore approval for Low Power FM Radio Broadcasting".

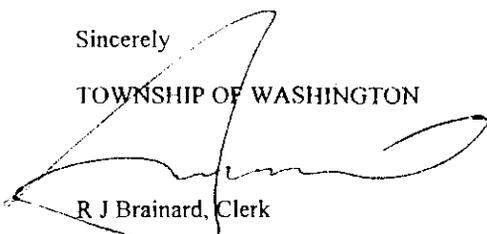
The Washington Township Board feels very strongly that allowing low power FM radio stations on the air would empower local broadcasters to serve their communities with a variety of new voices and services, including minority groups, the religious community, and other groups who are unable to pay the current license fees. It would also provide a forum for debate about important local issues. We believe these kinds of stations would strengthen community identity in our rural area.

The Washington Township Board supports RM-9242 and requests your consideration for adopting this rule on behalf of citizens throughout the State of Michigan and the country.

With thanks for your attention in this matter, we remain,

Sincerely

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON


R J Brainard, Clerk

Enc:

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO URGE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (F.C.C.) TO
RESTORE APPROVAL FOR LOW POWER FM RADIO BROADCASTING**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Washington, County of Macomb, State of Michigan, held in the Township Municipal Building, 57900 Van Dyke, Washington, Michigan, on June 2, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. eastern daylight savings time.

Present: Gary R. Kirsh, Supervisor; R J Brainard, Clerk; Linda S. Verellen, Treasurer; Fred Blonde, Jack Dorrough, Michael Murphy, and Barry Sutherland, Trustees

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Verellen and supported by Member Kirsh:

WHEREAS, in 1978 the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) ended its licensing of low power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses to stations of less than 100 watts) reducing overall the number of locally-based radio station in service to local communities. Since that rule change, other factors such as increased consolidation within the radio broadcast market has contributed to a significant reduction in the number of community responsive radio services; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, a grassroots movement has emerged for the purpose of advocating F.C.C. reinstatement of licensing of low power radio stations. Their efforts have resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the F.C.C., RM-9242, that would create opportunities for the return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and

WHEREAS, Re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business development and broadcast entrepreneurship, increase community choice and allow for communications services that are responsive to the needs of local communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Washington Township urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for t low power FM radio broadcasting. The Washington Township Board joins the Michigan Senate (SR234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking F.C.C. adoption of petition FM-9242 to restore low power FM radio broadcasting.

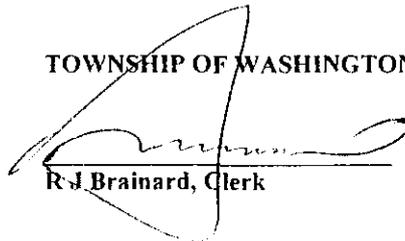
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission.

Ayes: Members: Verellen, Kirsh, Blonde, Murphy, Sutherland, Dorrough, and Brainard

Nays: Members: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON


R.J. Brainard, Clerk

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOW POWER FM RADIO SERVICES AND/OR
BROADCASTING

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 1999

WHEREAS, the County of Washtenaw is committed to the principles of free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not made affordable, Low Power (<100 watts) FM broadcast frequencies available for community use since 1978 when regulatory changes eliminated Class D FM licenses for less than 100 watts of power; and

WHEREAS, the passing of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has led to an unprecedented consolidation of broadcast industry ownership and a marked decrease in both local and minority ownership of radio stations and origins of programming; and

WHEREAS, the rights of free speech and a free press are threatened when access to communication media is concentrated in the hands of the few; and

WHEREAS, the FCC is now hearing public comment on a proposal to offer simple, affordable, commercial and non-commercial Low Power FM broadcast licenses (FCC's MM Docket NO 95-25); and

WHEREAS, commercial and non commercial radio stations operating under such a license could provide a community voice to individuals, musicians, artists, writers, activists, students, and points of view which are presently economically barred from access to their own abovementioned airwaves; and

WHEREAS, issuance of said licenses would constitute a net benefit to the social, cultural and political life of Washtenaw County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County is committed to enhancing public awareness of current events and issues by advocating for the creation of low power FM radio stations in Washtenaw County

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the concept of low power radio stations and urges FCC to fulfill its mandate as guardian of a public resource and to enact a licensing regulation to grant affordable, simple, commercial and non-commercial broadcast licenses to its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the representatives of Washtenaw County and the Michigan Association of Counties.



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March 30, 1999

RESOLUTION

Michael Landon
2212 Philomene
Lincoln Park MI 48146

By Councilmember Johnny A. Kolakowski
Supported by Councilmember Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Michael Landon of 2212 Philomene, Lincoln Park requesting the City of Wyandotte forward a Resolution to the Federal Communications Commission to re legalize community radio is hereby referred to the Department of Legal Affairs.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, William R. Griggs, City Clerk for the City of Wyandotte, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wyandotte, at a regular meeting held on March 29, 1999.

William R. Griggs
WILLIAM R. GRIGGS
CITY CLERK

cc: Dept. Legal Affairs

Green Party of Michigan

545 S Main St, Ann Arbor MI 48104

Resolution in Support of New Licenses for Low Power FM Community Radio

WHEREAS, the Green Party of Michigan is committed to the principles of free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our community hold the broadcast airwaves to be public property and a public trust; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not made affordable, Low Power (<100 watts) FM broadcast frequencies available for community use since 1978 when regulatory changes eliminated Class D FM licenses for 10 watts of power; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has led to an unprecedented consolidation of broadcast industry ownership, and a marked decrease in both local and minority ownership of radio stations and origination of programming; and

WHEREAS, the rights of free speech and a free press are threatened when access to communications media is concentrated in the hands of the few; and

WHEREAS, the FCC is now hearing public comment on a proposal to once again offer simple, affordable, commercial and non-commercial Low Power FM broadcast licenses (FCC's MM Docket No. 99-25); and

WHEREAS, commercial and non commercial radio stations operating under such a license could provide a community voice to individuals, musicians, artists, writers, activists, students, and points of view which are presently economically barred from access to their own abovementioned airwaves; and

WHEREAS, issuance of said licenses would constitute a net benefit to the social, cultural, and political life of the State of Michigan and its citizens, and the U.S.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green Party of Michigan supports the concept of Low Power radio stations, and urges the FCC to fulfill its mandate as guardian of a public resource, and to enact a licensing regulation to grant affordable, simple, commercial and non-commercial broadcast licenses to citizens of this and other communities in this country;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Green Party of Michigan supports the efforts of those who endeavor to advocate such regulatory change, and to enrich the life of our diverse community through legally establishing commercial and non-commercial public-access radio outlet;

AND BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to FCC Chairman William Kennard, to Michigan Senators Spencer Abraham and Carl Levin, with the request that they support the FCC's proposal to reintroduce Low Power FM radio broadcasting to our country.

Adopted unanimously May 13, 1999

 Archdiocese of Detroit

Feb. 15, 1999

To Whom it May Concern,

The F.C.C. is currently considering re-legalizing community radio, a move which I believe will benefit society in general and the religious community specifically. All F.C.C. regulations are mandated to serve the public interest, necessity and convenience; as such the agency urges members of the community to participate in their Rule-Making procedures, and will accept public comments on community radio until (xxx). I hope you will take a few minutes to file an official comment on behalf of your church or organization. 4-12-99

In the words of F.C.C. Chairman William Kennard, *"Radio has become the province of multi-billion dollar corporations...the loss of small religious stations and local programming is very unfortunate...in a society where most people get all their news and information from the broadcast industry, how can we have a strong democracy when the media is concentrated in the hands of a few people?...This issue cannot come down to a battle between the rich and the very wealthy, as do so many of the battles we have in Washington. These issues are fundamental to our democracy."*

Across the country, there are hundreds of religious stations operating without licenses, as acts of civil disobedience. They serve an essential, specific and unique need unfulfilled by the titanic corporate broadcasters. For this service they risk fines, forfeiture and prison. For example, Arthur Kobres of Lutz Community Radio (a "Christian Constitutionalist") was recently convicted for operating a 10-watt station out of his garage without a license, and faced a possible sentence of 28 years (he was let off with house arrest and probation). The F.C.C. has shut down some 300 stations over the last year.

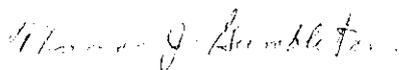
Other segments of society that would benefit from the legalization of community radio include ethnic minorities, cultural groups, political groups (especially third parties), etc.

Today, experts estimate that to launch a station the F.C.C. will consider licensing requires a minimum investment of \$80-100 thousand dollars. With community radio, the threshold will be lowered to a few thousand dollars.

To participate in the Comment process, go to www.fcc.gov/mmb/prd/lpfm/. Or contact the Michigan Music Campaign at 248-542-8090.

We should reward those who want to participate in political debate, not throw them in prison. We should create the conditions for a diverse cultural atmosphere. And we should allow independent broadcasters the same economic opportunities currently enjoyed exclusively by our largest corporations. We do not want a nation of mindless, passive consumers – let's create avenues for an active, participatory democracy. Let the public use the public airwaves!

Respectfully,



Bishop Thomas Gumbleton
Archdiocese of Detroit

"We have to always remember that these airwaves belong to us..." Congressman David Bonior (D-10)
 "It should be important...for every citizen to support the artists who enrich our lives..." Gov. John Engler
 "The airwaves are a public trust, and broadcasters have to help...strengthen democracy..." Pres. Clinton

Open Letter To The Radio Stations of Michigan

Sir or Madam,
 As you know, many of the world's best musicians and some of the world's best music radio stations (unless they are already signed to a major label), are here in Michigan. I am sure you agree with me that the past, much of that talent has received the recognition it deserves only because Michigan radio stations were willing to take a chance and play an undiscovered local artist.

Yet, currently, it is virtually impossible to hear a Michigan band or musician on a Michigan radio station (unless they are already signed to a major label). Surely you agree with me that the best interest of our state, not in your programming schedule does it represent a proper usage of our local public airwaves. In fact, it is an insult to our extensive cultural heritage.

Also benefits local clubs, recording studios, musical instrument retailers, local CD/tape retailers, etc. It's good for our economy. I urge you to make room in your programming schedule for the numerous local bands and musicians who deserve regular airplay in their own home town.

Signed,

David Bonior

Michigan

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