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Chairman William Kennard
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Dear Chairman Kennard,

I am writing in support of legalizing low power radio stations, especially one-to-ten watt and 50-to-100 watt stations. I am a resident of an area served by a terrific non-commercial radio station broadcast by Maynard, Mass., high school students. This station, WAVM, gives students an extracurricular activity that is not only intellectually and technically challenging, but also cool. In addition, WAVM is a focus for community support of and pride in Maynard High School, and facilitates town and student cooperation on a number of community and charitable projects.

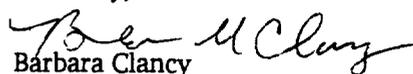
I would love to see the opportunity that WAVM represents for Maynard youth extended to where any motivated community organization or coalition of groups can legally use low-power radio to build community pride and cohesiveness and give individuals the opportunity to develop new skills.

In order to keep low power radio community-focused I would further urge that no one be allowed to own more than one low-power station. In areas of the country where there are few available spots on the dial for new stations, this will ensure that the maximum number of new voices will get on the air.

The airwaves belong to us all. It's a shame that motivated and talented individuals are denied access to broadcast frequencies simply because they don't have enormous amounts of money. Legalizing low power stations will enable at least some of these people to be heard, and our communities will be all the stronger for it.

Thanks for developing these proposed rule changes and for listening to my opinions.

Sincerely,


Barbara Clancy

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The Honorable William Kennard
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in regard to the proposed rule-making on low power FM (LPFM). As you are aware, the National Association of Broadcasters has filed documents against the proposed rule-making.

I understand that engineering tests conducted on current radios have indicated that low power FM service would cause interference in large and medium markets. The additional research conducted by the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association supports the engineering findings of the NAB.

After what the industry has experienced on the AM band, it is hard for me to believe that the Commission would favor this new low power FM service that would seriously effect FM high quality broadcasting.

I urge you to give close consideration to the NAB findings during last month's tests. I would also request that before the FCC takes any action on the low power radio issue that it report back to our Congressman to explain how the FCC could insure that a LPFM service would not cause interference to existing FM radio stations.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

WABBS, INCORPORATED

Bernard Dittman
President
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cc: The Honorable Harold Furchtgott-Roth
The Honorable Susan Ness
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Dear Chairman Kennard and Commissioners Furchtgott-Roth, Ness, Powell and Tristani

As all of you know, Representative W.J. Billy Tauzin (R-LA) has threatened to freeze federal funding for a Low Power Radio Service if such a Service is established

by the Commission in Docket MM 99-25.</p>

I promise each of you this: IF you establish a viable, meaningful Low Power Radio

Service, and face a Congressional counterattack, you will not stand alone.

Here is my pledge to you as a Low Power Radio supporter:</p>

I personally pledge to become involved in blocking any legislative efforts to overturn

any Low Power Radio Service that is viable and meaningful.</p>

I further pledge that, IF it should become necessary, I will personally work for the

defeat of those legislators who play key roles in attacking Low Power Radio

I am part of the same wave of human energy that has, reportedly, set a record in MM

99-25 for the highest rate of public participation in Commission history.</p>

<p>Except in Michigan, where control of the State Legislature may shift next year in

response to lockstep Republican resistance on Low Power Radio, all of this human energy

has been directed almost entirely toward persuading the FCC to establish a Low Power Radio

Service. We have avoided electoral politics.</p>

<p>However, the same human energy can also be turned toward defending the FCC in Congress

and, if necessary, overturning targeted incumbents. I pledge my willingness to join in

that battle -- IF Congressional legislators force it upon us.

Thank you

Robert J. Shuman

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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing in response to the Federal Communication Commission's call for comments about the possibility of re-establishing low-power FM licenses. As president of a major public university in the greater Los Angeles area, I am particularly enthusiastic about what such a capability would mean for our community. Should the FCC determine that it is feasible to go to the next step and request applications for low-power FM licenses, I can assure you that I would immediately file for consideration on the behalf of the university and its students.

California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) has a long history in radio broadcasting. From 1970 to the early 1980s, this campus held the license for KSUL-FM. That 10-watt radio station was integrated into the curriculum of the Radio, Television and Film Department (now known as Film and Electronic Arts). In the early 1980s CSULB negotiated the addition of KLON-FM to our campus program. Since then, KLON-FM has prospered and has developed a national and international reputation as the premier 24-hour, FM jazz radio. We are quite proud of KLON-FM's success. The decision to bring KLON-FM to the campus was predicated on the understanding that we would have to either upgrade KSUL-FM into a full-fledged 250-watt station or relinquish the license. At that time, there was no budget for upgrading KSUL-FM while continuing to maintain two professional FM radio facilities on this campus. The result of the decision to emphasize KLON-FM meant that the Department of Film and Electronic Arts would no longer have a professional-quality station as a direct part of its curriculum.

Nevertheless, in the interim the Department of Film and Electronic Arts (FEA) has been able to keep students interested in career training for audio and radio through a program that includes audio production training and which provides hands-on experience in a cable radio facility especially created for their use.

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Unfortunately, every year when students enquire whether FEA has a full-scale radio program, they learn about the ways the department has had to work creatively around the lack of an in-house broadcast facility. FEA, of course, is not content with this situation; neither is the university community. As part of its current self-study, FEA is re-evaluating its audio curriculum, its audio production facilities and the ways students interested in radio could receive training and professional career development.

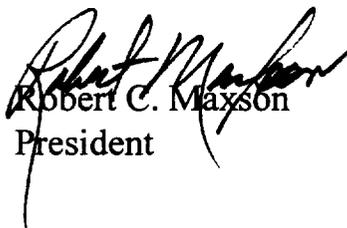
Cal State Long Beach supports the re-establishment of low-power FM broadcast licenses because we believe that this campus is in a unique position to use that capability to serve the college and surrounding community. CSULB would, for example, be able to use such a broadcast voice to create an over-the-air forum linking the campus with its community. Programming could be developed that would introduce campus and community leaders to each other, share the results of faculty research, inform the public about campus events and services and allow students to apply skills they have learned to produce specially designed programming for specific audiences, including news and documentaries, music programming and public service announcements.

In closing, let me state that the proposal to re-establish low-power FM broadcasting has my unqualified support and endorsement. I believe that institutions, such as CSULB, could improve curricula and extend their service-outreach. CSULB would use such a license to offer students a chance to acquire "hands-on" skills in a faculty-supervised environment in the context of a solid academic curriculum augmented by on-air mentoring from alumni who are practicing radio professionals. Such a radio capability should strengthen students' likelihood of obtaining employment in radio broadcasting upon graduation.

If I can provide any further encouragement for this worthy idea, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,


Robert C. Maxson
President

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Mr. Bill Kenard
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M NW
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Dear Chairman Kenard:

I am writing this letter in support of pending proposal RM-9242. It is my understanding that the plan will provide limited local community radio service which is currently unavailable. Specifically, this idea will benefit a large number of senior citizens in our community.

I would appreciate any consideration you can give this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Coulson".

Elizabeth Coulson
State Representative, 57th District

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**Chairman William Kennard
The Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC 20554**

Dear Chairman Kennard,

We have just sent letters to President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, 3 US Representatives from Illinois, Both Senators, The Governor of Illinois, and The Attorney General of Illinois applauding you and the commission for your efforts in establishing a new Low Power FM radio service.

For the record, we feel strongly that the very low power stations (1-10 watts) should be included in the commissions final rulings. Smaller religious groups and civic and volunteer organizations simply cannot afford the expense of operating higher power stations just for the basic freedom and right to communicate to fellow citizens.

We know that small communities and suburbs will benefit greatly from LPFM and in the case of civil disasters and emergencies will provide more life saving information to the airwaves. We feel that ordinary groups and citizens are left out and do not have a voice because of the stronghold that the major broadcasters have on the frequency allotments. We feel that the major broadcasters with the help of the NAB want to monopolize and manipulate the frequencies and their listeners for PROFIT only thereby having no concern for communicating basic information to smaller communities.

The major broadcasters allow consultants from other states and in some cases record companies tell them what we want to hear. The "Big Boys" are only concerned with Arbitron ratings and money. With no one to police them and on a unlevel playing field, ordinary citizens remain helpless and are silenced with the current licensing procedures.

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We are pleading with the FCC to establish the new LPFM and to provide the same character and standards to LPFM owners that are the same as commercial operators. We also ask that LPFM stations cannot be "bumped" by either another LPFM or commercial station. Licensing for non-commercial LPFM should be free and commercial LPFM should maintain a reasonable price range.

Licensing filing and paper work should not be as extensive and full of red tape as commercial stations and should be simplified and worded for the average citizen's comprehension.

Technical aspects of LPFM should be a little less stringent on LPFM with the exception of splattering on other LPFM, commercial, and other vital communications that the Commission sees fit. Modulation should be within the guidelines of current commercial stations where the quality and integrity of the signal is not compromised.

We agree with only one group or person owning one LPFM and to deny LPFM licensing to current commercial owners.

We hold strong our confidence in Chairman Kennard, Commissioners Ness, Roth, Powell, and Tristani to establish LPFM and to create a more fair environment on the airwaves for all Americans.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl Hustedde". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carl Hustedde

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March 17, 1999

William E. Kennard
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
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Dear Commissioner:

I am asking for you to support the Low-Power FM Radio station license proposal before the FCC.

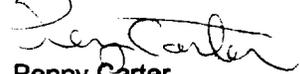
Because there are so many ratings driven radio programs around today, I feel the addition of Low-Power FM Radio stations would offer a positive contrast. Not only would we be able to hear a diversity of opinions, but we would have easier access, as these outlets would be more like "neighborhood radio stations".

Our neighborhood association recently sponsored a neighborhood-wide garage sale, however, not only couldn't we afford to advertise the event on radio, but we were told by at least 5 radio stations that there was no air-time available.

We even attempted to get stations to broadcast public service announcements about our local proposal to incorporate into a city and we were turned down by the stations. As one advertising manager told us, "If we do it for your neighborhood association, we'll have to do it for all of them." A Low-Power FM Radio station in our neighborhood would have answered that need for us.

Again, I ask you to support the Low-Power FM Radio station license proposal, and I thank you for your consideration.

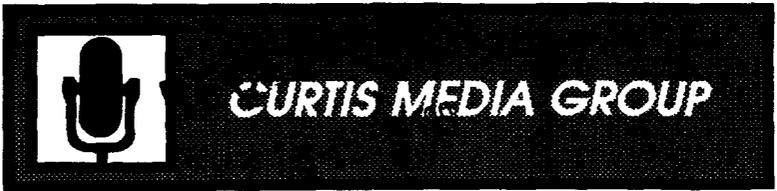
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July 28, 1999

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I began my broadcast career as a 15 year old weekend part time announcer back in 1957, and now, 42 years later. I find myself more concerned about a single radio broadcast issue than I can ever remember. The Commission has an extremely important decision to make with regards to the LPFM proposal.

If the LPFM proposal goes into effect unchanged, the AM band, except the most powerful major market AM stations, is dead. Especially the Day-Timers. The same is true for almost all small market stations, AM and FM. This would be a terrible disservice to all small towns and cities across the USA.

And in the larger markets, while the LPFM proposal might create a little more diversity on the FM band, it will destroy the AM band. The net is the same number of services, the only difference is they are all on the FM band.

AM licensees, especially day-timers, deserve better than this. They have been fighting the good fight for many years against overwhelming odds. Poor signals, poor receivers, limited hours of operation, more expensive power bills and expensive-to-maintain directional systems, poor signals in concrete and steel buildings, reduces power in pre-sunrise and at night, and the stigma of being on the AM band.

This leads me to my reason for writing. I believe that the Commission can save the AM band and increase the opportunities for new programming and increased ownership base by giving AM stations a preference for whatever new FM channels are created.

First priority would be to day-time AM's. For the first time, day-time AM's in large markets would have a chance with increased exposure and lower hours of operation. Small market stations would be able to compete with the out of town FM boomers.

Second, AM directionals could fill in their coverage area, giving them the more traditional circular contours of the FM stations. And third, with the lowest power, AM's could compete for the at work listening audience in concrete and steel buildings.

In short, over 3,000 AM stations could become factors. They would find the new program possibilities and they then could reach them. These stations would not need to buy new studio equipment nor, in most cases, new towers. In other words, if the LPFM channel does not turn out to be effective, these stations would not have big investments. In effect, this would give the FCC an opportunity to test the waters. The FCC could limit the number of new FM channels until it can be proven whether or not interference levels

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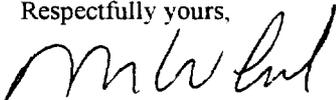
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can be controlled. If this proves successful, then the FCC at a later time can go back and introduce another set of assignments for additional LPFM stations.

In summary, the FCC could in one move, solve the problem facing AM day-time and directional stations, small market stations, and increase the diversity of both programming and ownership. And at the same time, test the premise that more LPFM's could operate without interfering with the future of in band digital on either the AM or FM band.

Please consider going a bit slower. Consider helping the long- suffering AM operators. The public will be the winner in both cases.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Curtis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "C".

Donald W. Curtis
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Dear Mr. Kennard:

As the commission draws to a close the proceedings on your Notice of Proposed Rule-making on low-powered FM (LPFM). I would like to stress that while there is a need for LPFM there is also a paramount need to protect interests that serve currently on the FM band.

You have received many compelling filings and I would ask that you consider the possibility that there may be a way to accommodate all of the parties interested with enlightened compromise. We must find a median position where traditional FM, digital interest and LPFM can peacefully coexist. However, your first priority must be not degrading the quality of broadcast now enjoyed.

I would also suggest that you take measures to insure that those who have made significant investments into digital radio technologies not be hampered in their pursuit of better serving the American public. Also, I call on the commission to open an immediate proceeding into digital radio at your next available opportunity.

Sincerely,

RUSH HOLT
Member of Congress

Cc: The Honorable Harold Furchgott-Roth
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The Honorable Michael Powell

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Chairman Kennard:

As the FCC approaches a commission vote on the low power FM proposal, I would like to share with you some concerns I have.

Before expressing my thoughts, I would like to articulate my support for the intended goal of the proposal to create additional outlets of expression and diversity of ownership in the radio broadcasting industry. I firmly believe in encouraging both competition and diversity in the marketplace of ideas, and realize that such competition might require the addition of more radio stations to the market.

My concern, however, is that efforts to diversify and increase competition will come at the expense of the technical integrity of existing FM radio stations, or possibly endanger the successful transition of existing stations to a digital broadcast format. The district I represent in Wisconsin is extremely rural and served by many radio stations whose audience is dispersed over wide geographic areas. As such, any reduction in station integrity might greatly hamper the quality of signal these rural households can receive.

My request to you, is simply that you proceed with caution and a serious commitment to protecting the current quality standards that permit rural constituents to receive consistently clear radio signals. A low power FM proposal that fails to maintain the current technical standards for FM radio may seriously compromise the quality of current radio transmissions, and possibly impact their ability to adequately transmit emergency broadcasts.

Sincerely,

Congressman David Obey

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Mr. William E. Kennard
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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Dear Mr. Kennard:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed rule making currently before the FCC regarding Low-Power FM Radio (LPFM). You may already be aware that the proposed rule making will create an entirely new class of radio, community radio. Design for, and run by local communities.

As a result of the Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996, ownership of existing classes of AM and FM broadcast stations has been increasingly concentrated in a limited number of hands. Along with a resultant loss in the diversity of ownership, comes a loss in diversity of programming. Localism in broadcast programming has been taken away, replaced by mass media coverage.

I believe that the proposals set forth by the FCC will broaden the spectrum by which local voices can access the public forum.

Bring about new degree of Community participation and involvement.

Offer educational, information, and entertainment alternatives.

Create new opportunities for local small businesses, and broadcast ownership.

The escalating value of existing classes of broadcast stations has increasingly resulted in outlying stations shifting their focus toward nearby metropolitan areas, often at the expense of the communities these stations were originally intended to serve. Authorization of LPFM could return local broadcast service to many of these communities.

In addition, Rep. David E. Bonior of Michigan has composed a letter to be sent to FCC Chairman William Kennard on March 10th. If you agree with the LPFM proposed full making, I urge you to sign on to this letter. I have included a copy for your inspection.

Again, I urge you to support the FCC & Chairman Kennard on this rule making, and to let the other congressional leaders know that your constituents are demanding a voice in their communities.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Kansas City, Mo.
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Dear Mr. Kennard

I'm writing in regard to low-watt radio and its right to use the air waves. I seldom listen to commercial radio but do listen to a lot of alternative radio. I don't even own a T.V. (don't want one).

It seems to me to be very important to a free, democratic society to have a variety of voices being heard and to be able to hear local news and local musicians. I deplore the tendency toward centralization in our media & businesses. If fewer and fewer sources control the

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news and no alternative views are heard, our society and culture could be in difficulty.

Sincerely,
Helen L Bontrage

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Dear Commissioner Kennard,

I rerd where your thinking of permitting low power FM radio stations please keep me advise and if you have a list for applications by all means put me on it.

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Thank You

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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I am a small business owner in the Denver, Colorado area for 10 plus years.

I have seen a void in acceptable radio stations. There is an obvious lack of diverse content and affordable advertising. The airwaves should not be just for corporate abuse. Let the little guys and ethnic groups have the use of low-power radio. It is time to remove dollar signs from what should belong to all of America.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



William V. Braniff
President

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Mr. William Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Kennard:

I am writing you to let you know of my concern about the possible rules allowing low power FM radio stations to be entered into the existing markets.

I feel that the introduction of more FM radio stations into the markets will really hurt the "REAL" owner operators, by adding that much more competition into the markets. I thought it was the commission's goal to keep the small operators in business and not have everything owned by a few big outfits. It is hard enough for a "REAL" owner operator to make it in broadcasting the way it is against the competition, let alone adding more frequencies into the market.

I also believe it will be very difficult to maintain the channel interference protections that make FM radio clear and clean.

I hope that with the soon to be required to broadcast in digital requirement, which I really don't know if all the expense in that will really be that beneficial to the listening public, the financial burdens imposed upon us will be very hard to absorb without adding more competition upon us.

Please take into consideration the small market owner operators that are the back bone of the community oriented broadcasting..

That You.



Gene A Benedictson
Owner Vice-President
Clarkston Broadcaster Inc.

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Commissoner William E. Kennard,

A great idea has come to my attention recently. This is low power FM radio, something that could greatly improve the quality as well as the quantity of communication within Colorado neighborhoods. Low power FM radio could provide a medium for a diverse range of voices and opinions and would provide an opportunity for community participation. This community participation can include specific information about events within the community and the addressing of issues that are significant to the cultural well-being of an area. On the business side of this idea, it can benefit small businesses by providing a low cost advertising opportunity. In addition, it can provide an opportunity for new broadcast ownership.

It is about time that the airwaves on the FM band were used to broaden areas of political and social awareness. The variety of entertainment that could be provided over this channel has potential for broad and exciting applications. It is very likely that there many talented and intelligent people in our communities that are never heard because there simply is not a channel available to the citizens in communicating their ideas. It would be great to give the citizens a new voice within their communities.

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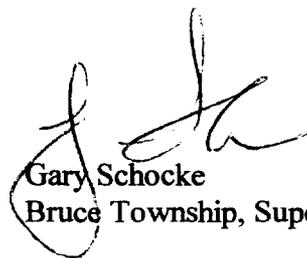
Chairman William Kennard
Federal Communications Commission
TW-B204 Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a resolution passed by the Bruce Township Board on July 21, 1999 in support of MM Docket 99-25, low power community FM radio.

Bruce Township joins with the many other Michigan municipalities, townships and county commissions in urging the adoption of MM Docket 99-25. We feel that the possibility of community radio stations in our area will provide important opportunities to local residents and businesses, and the return of local programming will have many benefits to Bruce Township.

Thank you for your consideration.


Gary Schocke
Bruce Township, Supervisor

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TOWNSHIP OF BRUCE
RESOLUTION TO URGE
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)
TO RESTORE APPROVAL FOR LOW POWER FM RADIO BROADCASTING

Present: Gary Schocke, Supervisor; Karol Regius, Clerk; Deborah Obrecht, Treasurer;
Brian Palmer and Mark Falker, Trustees
Absent: none

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Treasurer Obrecht and seconded by Trustee Palmer:

WHEREAS, in 1978 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 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 consolidations 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 FCC reinstatement of licensing of low power radio stations. Their efforts have resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the FCC, RM-9242, that would create opportunities for the return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and

WHEREAS, Re-legislation 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 Township of Bruce urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting. The Township of Bruce joins the Michigan Senate (SR234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking FCC adoption of petition RM-9242 to restore low power FM radio broadcasting.

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

Resolution declared adopted July 21, 1999
Karol Regius, Bruce Township Clerk

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June 10, 1999

Federal Communications Commission
William Canard, Chairman

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Dear Mr. Canard

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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It has come to my attention that the issue of micro radio has come before the commission. Since four media conglomerates own ten percent of U.S. radio stations, "free speech" translates to whoever can sell the most "soap." Noncommercial radio must be legalized for the first amendment to mean anything. Freedom of the airwaves is essential for a free society.

Sincerely
Carol Beth

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