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DEAR SIR: EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

I AM WRITING TO YOU ABOUT THE LOW POWER ISSUE REGARDING STANDARD BROADCASTING FREQUENCIES. IN PARTICULAR, I WISH TO POINT OUT THE UNIQUE SITUATION IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, WHERE I FEEL THAT LOW POWER SHOULD BE ONE DIRECTION THE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS SHOULD BE HEADING.

ROCHESTER HAS WHAT IS KNOWN AS 'THE HILL', IT BEING PINNACLE HILL, WHERE NUMEROUS FM & TV STATIONS EACH HAVE A TRANSMITTER & ANTENNA. 'THE HILL' IS THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE CITY OF ROCHESTER, AND IS IDEAL FOR BROADCASTING FM & TV FREQUENCIES. A POINT SOURCE FOR ALL OF THESE STATIONS IS CERTAINLY A UNIQUE SITUATION. UNFORTUNATELY WITHIN 1000' OF THESE ANTENNAS IS A CHILDREN'S HOME, AN APARTMENT COMPLEX & NUMEROUS PRIVATE HOMES, PLUS, A NEW APARTMENT COMPLEX IS PLANNED WITHIN 500' OF THESE ANTENNAE.

RECENTLY, I TOOK A FERROLD TUNABLE VHF & UHF FIELD STRENGTH METER TO 'THE HILL' & SOME SURROUNDING AREAS & MADE SOME FIELD STRENGTH MEASUREMENTS. THE READINGS FROM THESE STATIONS WERE EXTREMELY HIGH NEAR THE CHILDREN'S HOME, AND OTHER CLOSE-BY AREAS.

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ONE WONDERS WHAT THE CUMULATIVE HEALTH EFFECT OF 3 VHF TV, 2 UHF TV & 5 FM STATIONS HAS ON THE NEAR-BY POPULATION, PARTICULARLY THE CHILDREN. 3 VHF & 2 UHF TV STATIONS GENERATE BOTH SOUND & VIDEO SIGNALS, SO WE REALLY HAVE 15 HIGH POWER TRANSMITTERS, NOT 10, GENERATING ENERGY 24 HOURS A DAY INTO THIS RESIDENTIAL AREA.

MY IMMEDIATE REACTION WOULD BE TO TURN DOWN THE POWER OF THESE BROADCASTING STATIONS. THEY ARE NOT LOCAL BROADCASTING STATIONS; THEY HAVE RANGES OF 60-80 MILES RADIUS. CERTAINLY, THE 100'S OF KILOWATTS OF RADIATION PER TRANSMITTER COULD BE REDUCED. FOR EXAMPLE, SEVERAL FM STATIONS IN ROCHESTER RADIATING 3 KW HAVE RANGES OF 30-40 MILE RADIUS, AND ARE NOT BROADCASTING FROM THE HILL. ALSO, 1 FM STATION OPERATING FROM A HIGH HILL OUTSIDE ROCHESTER WITH 10 WATTS HAS A RANGE OF 26 MILE RADIUS.

IF THE HIGH POWERED BROADCASTING STATIONS NEED TO RADIATE THE LARGE AMOUNT OF ENERGY THAT THEY DO, THEN THE CONCENTRATION ON THE HILL<sup>1</sup> COULD BE ELIMINATED BY MOVING EACH TRANSMITTER TO NEW, AND WIDELY SEPARATED, UNINHABITED LOCATIONS. THE NEWER METHODS OF TRANSMITTING INFORMATION (CABLE TV, SATELLITE TV & INTERNET RADIO) MAY EVEN ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THESE HIGH POWERED STATIONS.

MY OTHER CONCERNS IN ROCHESTER ARE THE FOUR AM STATION, OPERATING AT 950, 1280, 1370 & 1460 KHZ. WHEN ORIGINALLY BUILT, THE TRANSMITTER SITES WERE CONCENTRATED IN A SPARSELY POPULATED

SUBURBAN AREA SOUTH OF ROCHESTER. ALL OF THESE AM STATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO CHANGE RADIATING DIRECTION AT SUN DOWN TO THE NORTH INTO ROCHESTER, SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER STATIONS ON THE SAME FREQUENCIES. NOW, HOWEVER, APARTMENT COMPLEXES, SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOMES, HOMES FOR THE DISABLED & COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSE TO & DIRECTLY NORTH & IN THE PATH OF THE RADIATION FROM THE 4 AM STATIONS. SHOULD THEY ALSO BE MOVED, OR WOULD THE NEWER METHODS OF TRANSMITTING INFORMATION ALSO ELIMINATE THE NEED TO RADIATE THIS ENERGY INTO PEOPLE AREAS.

ALL OF THESE BROADCASTING TRANSMITTERS, AM, FM & TV, ARE OPERATED BY REMOTE CONTROL. THIS REMOVES THE STATION ENGINEERS, FROM THE TRANSMITTER SITE & ANY POSSIBLE DANGER THERE MIGHT BE WORKING NEAR THE ANTENNAS. WHEN THIS IS NECESSARY, HOWEVER, THE TRANSMITTER IS TURNED OFF FOR THEIR PROTECTION. THIS SATISFIES THE STATION'S CONCERN FOR SAFE GUARDING THEIR PERSONNEL, AS REGARDING SICKNESS, PREMATURE DEATH AND POSSIBLE LAW SUITS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST. AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE WORKED ON 'THE HILL' FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS & DIED EARLY. ONE WONDERS.

THE IDEA OF LOCAL 5-10 WATT AM & FM STATIONS IN ROCHESTER WOULD CERTAINLY ELIMINATE THE RADIATION DANGERS. I FEEL IT WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE AUDIENCE. OVER THE PAST 60 YEARS, I HAVE SEEN & HEARD THE RADIO & TELEVISION PROGRAMS REDUCE THE QUALITY OF ENTERTAINMENT, INFORMATION & VARIETY OF LOCAL EVENTS. THE RADIO LAWS

IMPLY THAT THE 'AIR WAVES' BELONG TO THE PUBLIC, NOT LARGE SELF-INTERESTS THAT GENERATE THE INSULTING PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE TODAY.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ MY COMMENTS. I HOPE THAT YOUR DECISION WILL ALLOW LOCAL LOW POWER AM & FM STATIONS TO BE LEGAL, REDUCING POSSIBLE HEALTH PROBLEMS WITH THE EFFECTED POPULATION DUE TO UNNECESSARY HIGH POWER, AND ALSO TO HELP RETURN THE 'AIR WAVES' TO US, THE PUBLIC.

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SUBMITTED BY

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Re: MM Docket No. 99-25

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The creation of low power FM licenses.

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I am writing to commend you on your preliminary actions regarding the creation of low power, community-accessible FM airwaves, and to implore you to make this a reality.

Low-power FM will allow community interests to communicate and share ideas over the airwaves. It will provide a forum for diverse ideas, music, themes, etc, and (I honestly believe) will serve as a vehicle for restoring community.

Although I don't know of an appropriate mechanism, I think it is important that licenses are awarded to local, non-commercial interests - that licenses not be consolidated/handed by commercial interests attempting to smother a perceived threat to their current monopoly.

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As for microbroadcast 'pirates', I (and many)

understand that they have broken the law. But I hope that they will be allowed to apply freely for micro-licenses when such licenses become reality. Their pioneering efforts in this area should not preclude them from enjoying the fruits of free airwaves.

I look forward eagerly to Microbroadcast Low power FM. Thank you again for your efforts.

Tom Iseman  
(Tom Iseman)

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The Hon. William E. Kennard  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
425 12th Street, SW  
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Dear Mr. Kennard:

It is my understanding that there is a proposal that raises the possibility of licensing new, low-powered FM stations. Our local Public Radio Station, WFCR, feels that the creation of such stations might interfere with their broadcasts.

We greatly value our local Public Station. We consider it one of the truly great assets of our community. We depend upon it for news every morning and every evening. We often enjoy the classical music that it alone features in the daytime hours.

I feel it would be a real tragedy if it were interfered with in any way. I hope you will use your authority to see that this never happens.

Sincerely,  
*Justin J. Hartman*  
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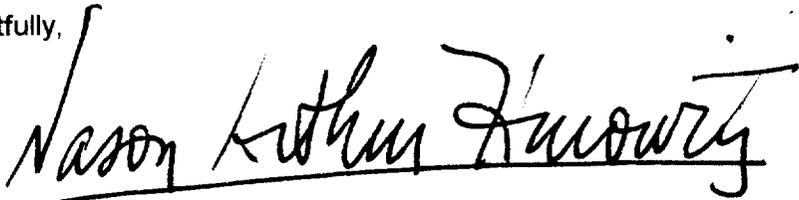
The Honorable William E. Kennard  
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425 12th Street, SW  
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Dear Honorable Kennard:

I am very concerned regarding the low power FM interference that  
will be caused to WFCR.

I would trust that you would honor my position !

Respectfully,



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I am writing to you today to address the idea of bringing localism back to radio. You have the power to change the current regulations regarding low-power FM broadcasting. I believe this a necessary step to open the doors of opportunity to wider variety of voices with no current outlets. This step will also give the necessary opportunity to address issues and views significant to the continued growth and well being of our community.

Supporting our local community radio will also provide low cost advertising opportunity for local small businesses. Please take into account these reasons to support low-power FM radio. I believe that changing the current FCC regulations in favor of low-power FM radio will strengthen the bonds that keep communities thriving.

Thank you for your time

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Dear Mr. Kennard;

I'm writing in support of new services to license new 1000 watt and 100 watt for low power FM (LPFM) stations. I also support a third "microradio" class for 1-10 watts.

I prefer for LP 100 and 1-10 watt not be held to most radio station service rules.

I agree with the proposal to not permit LPFM stations to operate as a translator station retransmitting the programming of full-power stations.

LPFM stations should be allowed to operate commercially to the extent of covering the costs of operations. In other words, they should be of a non-profit nature.

Licensees should be limited on the number of stations they can own to one nationally.

I applaud the FCC for creating new opportunities for community radio.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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From: Ward Hodge  
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Dear Sir:

I listened to your AARP legislative commission presentation on C-Span yesterday. You did a good job. This helped me to bring the federal proposal for new low-cost radio stations back into focus. It is of such capital importance that I must follow up my recent E-Mail letter to you with this additional testimony.

I am told that this proposal is number eight on a recent agenda for commission consideration. What is its progress? When can I apply for one of these low-cost, low power stations to serve rural /small town communication needs. This would not be an application for a limited liability corporate license. This would be a cooperative venture with the people who own and operate the station being the same people who OWN AND OPERATE the station. It would be locally owned and locally controlled. I believe this is an important distinction. While I could pay for the machinery myself, this would not be the way to go. More local cooperatives will be a step in the right direction if we want to continue to protect and improve our people's quality of life.

I remember your testimony before the AARP. I may not be as optimistic as you were before the AARP regarding the long term value of competition, as it is practiced today. The problem here is the fact that our big corporations today are in it for the long haul-- to maximize profits and stockholder dividends. However people in our Government who participate in corporate policy making are not in it for the long haul. They are often there with short term interests--from election to election and this paints an entirely different picture for our future. The mergers that you mentioned do not speak well for competition. They are more likely to promote a monopoly, sometime in the future, which causes me much concern.

Hopefully, I am not digressing from the main point of this letter and one of the points which you made in your AARP talk. If citizens are not served well, then our government is not doing its job. If wisely administered, the introduction of a new wave of small locally owned radio stations can only help to promote an improvement in the daily lives of all of our citizens.

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Will you please place my name on your mailing list and keep me informed about the progress made toward this excellent idea of licensing small low power radio broadcast services in America. They 1) can be energy efficient, 2) will use limited resources, 3) will promote pride in local communities, 4) will establish a sound economic base for local producers and consumers, and 5) will promote a new interest in citizen responsibility at all levels of our government. Who can be against this?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Ness". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and the last name "Ness" clearly distinguishable.

cc: President William J. Clinton, Whitehouse, Washington, D.C.  
FCC Commissioner Susan Ness  
FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth  
FCC Commissioner Michael Powell  
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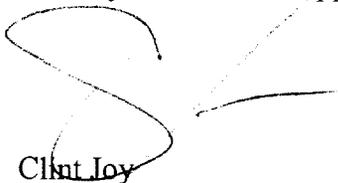
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Dear Sir:

This letter is written in support of Low-Power FM radio. This form of community radio provides a forum for diversity in the community and broadens the arena for political, social, and entertainment programming. Low-Power FM radio also provides a low cost alternative for small business advertising. Not only will free airwaves create new broadcast ownership opportunities it will address unmet needs for community-oriented radio broadcasting. As a significant and visible member of our community we please ask for your support of Low-Power FM radio.

Thank you for Your Support,



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Chairman William Kennard  
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Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making for LPFM

Dear Chairman:

I am concerned about the rule making. I come from the perspective of a nearly extinct specie, the local broadcaster. We are a non-profit community involved broadcaster. We have an AM/FM combo in Tucson. Deregulation has created mammoth broadcast groups. These groups have successfully gobbled up the local broadcasters. The diversity has dwindled. Local broadcasters, like us, are dinosaurs. The minority preferences that hoped to create a diverse broadcast community has not worked. In Tucson I know of two incidences of abuse that I believe was common during this preference period. In one case an African American applied for several frequencies and won them in comparative hearings. He then sold these stations at a substantial profit. I am happy that he profited from his entrepreneurial abilities, but, that did not fulfill the intent of the FCC to create a diverse broadcast community sensitive to minority issues. In another circumstance a female group representing an ethnic mix won a station in a comparative process under the premiss of providing programming for women. When it came on the air it was classic rock. Hardly a format for women. They had an agreement with one of the mammoth broadcast groups and sold the station after one year of pseudo control. These anecdotal examples are by no means isolated. Therefore I propose the following suggestions for the rule making:

1. No transfer of control allowed. If the license holder cannot continue they must give the license back to the FCC.
2. Stations must have locally originated programming.
3. Licensees must be operators of the station.

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I believe this will help to meet the intent of the commission to provide programming that is diverse and opportunities to those other than the large broadcast conglomerates.

Sincerely,

  
Douglas Martin  
President/GM

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Dear Mr. Kennard:

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Because of the continuing ~~participation~~ <sup>participation</sup> of  
the media's monopolization, only  
the rich can afford to own the airwaves.

Supposedly <sup>3:20 PM '99</sup> the airwaves belong to  
"the people." Obviously in practice this  
is a very small group of people.

Accordingly the rights of <sup>personal</sup> ~~personal~~ <sup>communications</sup> ~~communications~~  
micro-radio should be upheld and  
enhanced. Certainly they should be  
licensed, & not have ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~pay~~ <sup>pay</sup> ~~large~~ <sup>large</sup> ~~fees~~ <sup>fees</sup>, this is  
essential for our democracy. Jean Fair

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Regarding The Creation of Low Power FM Licenses: RM-9242, RM-9208

Dear Honorable Chairman Kennard,

I am writing to commend you and the Federal Communications Commission for taking action on an issue of great importance to me - ending the 21-year ban on community access to the airwaves. I have become increasingly concerned about the growing concentration of the media in our country and are pleased that the Commission is responding to public outcry to increase opportunities for local communities to use our radio airwaves.

One of the fundamental tenets of our democracy is to ensure that diverse interests have opportunities to express themselves, not merely to be the recipients of what a handful of other people tell them. It is a nonnegotiable component of our right to a free press and free speech.

Radio is perhaps the most qualified of any media outlet to provide community access. It is a relatively inexpensive medium to produce and is well-suited to cover community issues and local culture. Unfortunately, over the past three years the U.S. radio broadcasting industry has experienced an unprecedented wave of consolidation and mergers. As a result, the electronic medium best suited to inexpensive, local programming has become arguably the most regimented and centralized of our major media. Even a multimillionaire would have trouble entering the radio broadcasting industry today, because economies of scale (permitted by deregulation) demand that a firm own numerous stations in several markets to be even remotely competitive. As for the person of average means, their lot is limited to being a passive consumer of an increasingly monopolistic industry that has less and less competitive pressure to heed the diverse, local needs of listeners. And, for poor people and others who are considered unimportant to the advertising community, radio increasingly has little to offer. Again, the great tragedy of this situation is that radio is the ideal medium to provide an accessible local service for democratic communications of interest and value to the entire population.

Awarding licenses for new low power FM radio stations would empower local communities with a new public forum to express its many voices, cultures, ideas, and needs. Low power radio stations would create much needed public fora for a variety of groups - including community activists, youth, ethnic and linguistic minorities, the religious community, local artists and cultural associations - and provide a forum for dialogue and debate about important local and public interest issues. These kinds of stations would strengthen community identity in urban neighborhoods, rural towns and other communities which are currently too small to win attention from "mainstream", profit-driven media.

The strong interest in independent radio stations shows that the creation of low power radio service would have wide public support. The tremendous demand for microradio is demonstrated by the emergence of a national Free Radio Movement, widespread civil disobedience, constitutional challenges of the Commission's aggressively enforced 21-year ban, as well as the proliferation of unlicensed community radio stations supported by local government, whose operators broadcast at the risk of financial losses, seizure of property, arrest, and in some cases, imprisonment.

In addition, the Commission has stated that in the last year alone, 13,000 people inquired regarding the possibility of obtaining a license for low power broadcasting in their communities. In support with the efforts of the Denver Radio Coalition, I urge you to legalize microradio in order to benefit non-commercial community groups whose interest in microradio is to communicate, to educate, and to inform, not to make money. I am confident you agree that broad citizen access to information and culture is at the heart of a democratic society.

Signed,



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This letter is in support of Low-Power FM radio - community radio. This is a great opportunity for local small business. Advertising is important to small business and this is a way to provide it at a low cost.

Local neighborhood events and activities could also be advertised at a low cost. This being important for people living in certain areas. Also important is community radio can give specific political, social and entertainment programming for certain small areas. This also allows easy access for community participation on areas of interest or concern.

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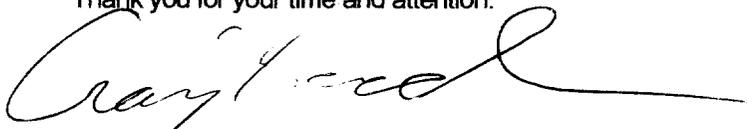
Mr. Chairman:

Please let me express my concerns about "microradio." (MM Docket No. 99-25)  
I believe that "low power FM" will be a huge detriment to our business. I don't believe that the subject has been properly researched, and it makes no sense to me to add a huge number of additional "microradio" signals when there are still many AM and FM licenses that are available for application.

Simply put, the Commission's approval of "microradio" is nothing more than legalizing "pirate radio." Many stations will be moving soon to digital broadcasting, but "microradio" stands to severely inhibit the ability of digital signals to reach listeners without interference. I see absolutely no benefit for the public, and certainly not for the radio industry as a whole, from low power FM.

Mr. Chairman, I fervently hope that you and your fellow commissioners will reconsider your current stance on low-power FM, and put the matter on hold until all of the ramifications can be examined and dealt with in an unhurried manner. You owe that to legitimate broadcasters, you owe that to the public.

Thank you for your time and attention.



Craig Mead  
General Manager  
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To Whom it May Concern:

This is a support letter for those trying to make legal low-power FM radio stations. The whole idea makes sense as it would provide community leaders an opportunity to express their beliefs and ideas to the community that they are involved with.

It would also give small businesses a less expensive form of advertising and cater to their specific community.

Lastly, local musicians would have the opportunity to have their music be heard without having to wait for a major recording label to sign them and promote them.

Please consider this favorably when it comes time to make a decision. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

*Stacie Glass*

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The Honorable William Kennard  
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I strongly oppose the move to add any more frequencies to the airwaves for concept of "Low-Power FM" the following reasons:

1. The FCC proposes to relax interference protection contours that are two and three frequencies away from any chosen frequency in order to permit the addition of the new Low Power FM frequencies into the spectrum. The elimination of these interference protection contours will possibly destroy the integrity of the FM broadcast band as we know it today. The interference caused by these additional stations will be substantial, and may preclude America's broadcasters from being able to move into the digital age with digital FM broadcasting in the future.

2. In the proposed rulemaking, very few, if any, additional frequencies can be allocated to the major cities of the United States. If it is intended to provide more frequencies to the very large cities and therefore provide the opportunity for on-air diversity, there cannot be additional frequencies allocated, under any circumstance. Therefore, the proposed Low-Power FM stations have to be located in cities and towns other than the largest; cities such as Lawton, OK; which already provides diversity in programming and ownership of the stations. Two radio stations in Lawton are owned by an African-American and the radio station from which I am writing serves the Hispanic community with a Sunday program of all Spanish language programming.

3. The FCC is strained now to enforce the rules and regulations for the existing Radio and Television stations. There is NO way for the FCC with the current manpower, funding and field offices to: allocate, oversee construction, and most importantly police thousands

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of new FM radio stations in the country. The proposed rulemaking only offers the frequencies to persons that have NO broadcast ownership and many that may apply will have no knowledge of how to properly construct and operate a Broadcast station. This could be a technical disaster.

4. Roy Stewart, Chief of the Mass Media Bureau, The Federal Communications Commission, said the release of additional frequencies in the early 1980's in the famous docket 80-90 was the biggest mistake the FCC had ever made. The recent consolidation in the industry is the final response to the proliferation of the allocation of the thousands of additional frequencies to the United States. The consolidation was inevitable with the economic pressure placed upon the radio stations to remain viable, or even to exist.

Also, in the rulemaking proposal I do not understand how the proposed ownership limits for low-power stations, or the Commission's desire to license a certain favored group, can be reconciled with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 or the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

I strongly urge you and your fellow commissioners to stop this action on Low-Power FM.

Cordially,

William R. Fritsch, Jr.  
Licensee and General Manager KBZQ-FM Radio Station

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Mr. Chairman:

It is with much concern that I write to you regarding the Federal Communications Commission decision to support an agenda to establish hundreds, possibly thousands, of new licenses for low-power radio stations. I do not believe that the Federal Communications Commission should proceed with this matter without first presenting to Congress a detailed explanation and justification in support of this initiative. The ramifications of this undertaking, economically and budgetary, are potentially staggering.

I am requesting that you prepare and present a full presentation to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, so that concerns can be answered and addressed. In the meantime I request that you take no further actions on this agenda.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am a woman, a licensee of the above stations, and we employ 95% minority employees. My husband and I have been in the industry some 40 years.

LP radio has gotten much press here because of the operation of 2 prolific pirates.

My husband and I have fielded some interesting questions from people who seem to want to apply for LPFM if it becomes available.

These have been troubling questions: " Can I editorialize as I see things? "....." Can I play the music I like without paying royalties to ASCAP, etc?"... " Since your FM doesn't have much power can I tap into it and put it on the air in Burnet, Texas?"

We fear LPFM will spawn a variety of operators whose lack of experience will bring more troubling , hard-to-regulate problems than just 'interference'.

How do you regulate despots, narrow minded 'wannabe' opinion makers and just plain counter-productive, agenda-oriented citizens searching for empowerment for their own self-interest ? Many of these 'would-be' operators currently plague radio station talk shows, imagine the content if they were permitted their own local station.

These type citizens may only operate in a couple of square miles, but the consequences of spreading their doctrine to several thousand homes may strain the First amendment.

Most probably the letters you are receiving concern themselves with technical problems. I urge you to take some time to examine the programming concerns that may arise from LPFM

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Gloria Burdette McGregor*

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Commissioner William E. Kennard  
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Dear Commissioner Kennard,

It has come to my attention that the FCC is proposing licensing low power community FM stations and I am writing in support of this proposition. I think it is the right time to be focusing on our local communities and empowering them to come together and shape their futures. Providing a medium for which to do this only makes sense. I hope the FCC will seriously consider legalizing what would in effect become community radio.

I am sincerely,  
Paul Kane



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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking relating to low-power FM broadcasting that is currently under consideration by the FCC.

I have been contacted by many broadcasters throughout my district and state who have raised serious concerns with the effect this rule would have on second- and third-channel interference protections in major markets. They have also expressed their reservations on the implications of this rule for the transition to digital audio broadcasting. As the FCC considers the future of this proposed rule, I appreciate your careful consideration of these concerns.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Paul Yanosy of my staff at: 202 225-6030. In advance, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Jim*  
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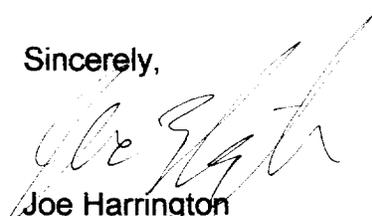
Dear Chairman Kennard,

Thank you for considering opening more of the spectrum to low-power FM stations. Here are my opinions on licensing low power FM's (currently "Pirates"). I hope that there will be many small, non-commercial stations as a result of whatever decision you make. Ideally, I hope that changes to the law would result in local-interest stations that broadcast material that is not considered commercially viable, or is otherwise not available through the existing formats. I would hope that there is spectrum space for many near-hobbyist stations that do not require a great deal of money to operate.

I understand that the current proposal provides for a number of new 1000-watt stations, which may be available as commercial stations, and a much larger number of 10-100 watt stations. If these stations are allowed to be commercial, I hope that they will be restricted to single-station owners. I would hate to see more of the spectrum in the hands of large, multi-station conglomerates.

Thank you for opening this matter to consideration.

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March 8, 1999

Dear Mr. Kennard:

I am writing to support the proposal to localize FM Radio to low-power 100 and 1000 watts stations.

It seems that we, as a public, are grounded in our community life while being depersonalized by mega communication monopolization. Community issues ranging from gang conflicts, public sponsored services, recreation, education, emergencies, health issues, transportation need a voice that may speak for, by and to them. Please hear my voice and consider voting for this "deregulated" alternative to the mega commercial music, news, editorials and sales. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Dr. Carl E. Hollander, M.A., Ed.D., T.E.P.

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Dear Mr. Kennard:

Please add my firm to the list of enterprises interested in operating a low-powered FM station in Menlo Park, CA. There are a variety of community and commercial applications I have in mind which would be consistent with the Commission's strategy to open up the airwaves to small territory broadcasters.

In that regard, would you be kind enough to have one of your staff members provide me an application when they become available?

Yours sincerely,

Richard G. Stevens

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Dear Sir:

After reading a letter from the General Manager of my local public radio station, WFCR, I felt compelled to write to you.

I am opposed to the recent low power FM proposal which the FCC is considering. I would rather be able to hear one or two stations clearly than not to be able to hear anything at all because the stations are so close together. Not all of my radios have a quartz-lock mechanism. This would make all of my analog-tuning radios operate poorly and would dampen my listening enjoyment if I had to constantly listen to station fade / tuning anomalies. This condition would be unacceptable whether it affected the commercial band and / or the public band.

I enjoy listening to alternative thought, but I believe that there are other more acceptable venues (such as the Internet, local newspaper, etc) for Americans to express themselves, without muddying up an arena (radio) which is already densely populated. Perhaps the radio dial is not as densely populated across the entire nation, which would obviate my concerns, but seeing as I am blessed to live in the Northeast, my radio dial is full. Adding more stations where they are already densely concentrated would negatively affect my ability to physically choose one station over another, given the sophistication of my equipment.

I do not envy your position, it must be difficult to try to please everyone --- protecting freedom of speech, while maintaining a high standard of decency and quality over the airwaves. Low power FM may improve freedom of speech slightly, which I treasure, but at what cost? If it makes existing radio stations untuneable; that impinges upon freedom of speech, rather than enhancing it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

  
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#### Low Power FM Proposal

A new FCC proposal which may initially appear attractive demands our scrutiny and our action. This fall the FCC could license hundreds of low cost, low power "microstations." *The New York Times Magazine* (April 11, 1999) envisioned that "For around \$1,000, amateur D.J.'s could charge the airwaves, creating a mass medium whose diversity rivals the Internet's—with treasures found at the press of a seek button." Commercial broadcasters may push the FCC to confine micro-broadcasting to the noncommercial band, where it could affect public radio stations. Initial studies of the effect of these low power FM stations on existing radio stations indicate that they could disrupt or impair service. In addition, some of the proposed classes of low power FM stations could supplant the translator services that spread the signals of many public radio stations. The FCC has extended the comment period on this issue but expects to decide this matter later this year. National Public Radio and public radio stations are contesting the proposal, and the concerns of individual listeners will strengthen our argument. Please let the FCC and your elected representatives in Congress know that you are concerned about potential interference that low power FM may cause WFCR. Address your letters to The Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, 425 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. WFCR's strategic plan calls for WFCR to work with the community by providing it access to new technology. It is our belief that this is the way to provide more programming diversity.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to express my concerns for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that the FCC has begun on the issue of low-power FM.

The FCC is charged with the enormous task of maintaining our broadcast and other services an interference free environment. By adding these new low-power stations, it seems to me that the Commission is compromising its task of protecting against interference.

In addition, I see no forethought whatsoever concerning the planned transition to digital audio broadcasting. Local stations in the future will hopefully add a digital signal on top of their analog signal, using the same band and channel. This will provide improved clarity and service to the public. Unfortunately, the addition of the new low-power stations could possibly impair the ability of the digital signals to reach the public unimpeded.

Moreover, although I understand that many have an interest in becoming broadcasters, currently there are still AM and FM licences available for application. Even as the Commission plans to jump ahead into low-power FM, some of these applications are pending.

Many American listeners depend on their local radio stations for local news, weather, emergency announcements, and other programming. Access to this programming is being put into jeopardy by implementing the new, untested, and technically unfeasible low-power FM.

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Dear Mr. Kennard,

I am writing this letter asking for your support of the recent Federal Communication's proposal for the creation of low power FM service.

Our Community needs more outlets without commercial restraint.

Please give your support to FCC ~~approval~~ in adopting this new class of radio station

Thanks for your help,

Randy Gintler  
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Hon. William Kennard, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

You must be as dismayed as I am to see comments on LPFM degenerating into a fight between the "haves" and the "have-nots."

Technical surveys to prove how few new stations could exist clearly show that a good many can. The interference issue is largely a straw-man argument. Current station owners fear that any new stations will compete by doing what they themselves are doing: giving the listening public more of the same. My friend Richard S. Towne (KUNM-FM, Albuquerque, NM) recently decried the pointlessness of dozens of satellite-delivery LPFM stations in his coverage area (RW, June 23). He's right; carbon-copy LPFM outlets would serve no public-interest purpose whatsoever. Neither do carbon-copy commercial high-power satellite-delivery stations — except as cash cows for absentee owners.

LPFM won't be that. And it shouldn't be. The point of LPFM is to provide a place for "little guys" to say what they like, musically, culturally, and artistically as well as politically. The Dunifers, Strawcutters and Kobres who felt they had to go on the air with so-called "pirate" stations weren't out to make money or re-feed a satellite. Like Ben Franklin, Tom Paine and Crispus Attucks 225 years ago, they were desperately hungry for freedom of speech. That is LPFM's value in the public interest.

A few simple rules can make LPFM a true "local people's FM" service. [1] No multiple-station ownership in this service, including no ownership by licensees of full-power stations. Individual churches, for example, though of the same denomination, would be separate entities. Members of non-profit licensee organizations could themselves own a non-associated station. Sale of a license should be proscribed, just as in the amateur service. [2] Limited commercial activity would let LPFM not be just a rich person's hobby. On the other hand, it should be a license to express opinion, not to coin money. Rules should, like IRS, require no profit to owners, or they could limit commercial time. [3] Programming should be locally produced, for most or all of the station's air day. Technology now permits computer-controlled CD's, so any station can economically generate its own programming mix. Rules should encourage local live entertainment, whether garage bands or string quartets. Let's be honest: deregulation did not generate more competition in radio; it concentrated ownership, control, profits and too often, programs. It created a problem. Short of reversing the consolidations that took place, low-power radio may be the only way to prevent those pesky Paul-Revere pirates who still believe in the American dream.

Practical power and antenna-height restrictions mean LPFM will always be "little-league radio" compared to the larger stations, both NAB and NPR, who seem so jealous of anyone else getting on the air. That's fine. Talent and ability, developed at a 10-watter, will move up as large stations see the profit in giving able people a wider audience. Rep. Tausin's alleged fear of skinheads on the air suggests he and the NAB don't trust the American people. We can. LPFM stations will try new ideas. Most will fail. But the best will succeed, and radio will be richer (both culturally and financially!) as the result of a thoughtful and considered FCC decision decriminalizing creativity and freedom.

Sincerely yours,  
*W.E. Dunning*

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Suggested Editor's Note for *Radio World* ...

William Dunning recently marked 50 years in radio, as announcer, manager, chief engineer, program and music director, teacher, and now as a consultant. He plans to continue following the LPFM story with a eye to bringing out the best in broadcasting, he says, and believes the future is bright, as it always has been.

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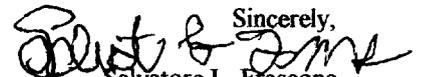
May 24th, 1999

Dear Mr. Furchtgott-Roth,

I am writing this letter to ask for your help and support in bringing community radio to Colorado. The FCC is in the process of lifting the tarriff on local low-powered FM broadcasting. I urge you to consider the many ways all communities can benefit from this change in federal media regulations:

- First, it can give people of all ages new ways of expressing themselves in their part of town. Not just as a forum for news and information, but also a forum for other audio arts including and not limited to; music, sound creations, audio theater, live broadcast from local sports events, and much more.
- Next, with more opportunity to take part in the earlies and greatest forum of media expression, it would create a market for advertisers of anything and everything you can think of. This would not only benefit local low-powered radio station owners, it will benefit all advertiser local and national.
- Lastly, radio as it is is disappearing, being swallowed up by bigger and bigger corporations and communications companies. With your support and thatt of those around you, you can free the airwaves for any of the reasons I have mentioned. The ball is in your hands, I am confident that you realize how Colorod's communities can be strengthened by are alliance in support of FM low-powered community radio.

I also wish to help in support of this issue in any way possible. You are welcomed to contact me if I can help in the realization of this goal.

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Dear Commissioner:

I have been a broadcaster for twenty-five years and currently hold the position of Executive Vice President of Forever Broadcasting. Prior to joining Forever, I was one of the two owners of WCMB-AM and WIMX-FM radio in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. My years of experience have taught me that broadcasting, as I always tell women entering the business, is one of the most equal opportunity industries in the country. Individuals are judged on performance, whether it is on the talent, sales or management side of the desk.

My career began as a receptionist, then assistant to the general manager, copywriter, on-air production talent, sales assistant, salesperson, then into management. I was a sales manager at age thirty, not because I was a woman, but because of my individual skills and desire to succeed. My ownership opportunity arose five years later when I became an equal partner with my male general manager at the time. My career has been and continues to be rewarding and challenging beyond all my expectations. In talking with other female broadcasters, we share the same opinion concerning the proposed low power service. It is insulting that after all these years of study, work and self-drive that the FCC intends to reward licenses to certain groups based solely on their sex, ethnicity and/or religious interests. These groups may have the desire to operate radio stations, but without licensees having broadcasting experience, the economic viability of low power stations is certainly questionable as well!

The issue before you and your colleagues is one of critical importance to commercial broadcasters, large and small market alike. Professional broadcasters make serious commitments to their communities. Commitments that are not necessarily regulated by the government, but rather, dictated by the local needs of the community.

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WKYE/WJAC/WSGY/WVSC in Johnstown/Somerset, Pennsylvania are the stations I currently manage on a day to day basis. Our contribution over the past two years totals over \$250,000 in free air time to well over 100 different non-profit, minority or women's organizations. We also make a concerted effort to publicize all job openings to minority and women's groups, attend job fairs, and brainstorm other effective ways of attracting qualified individuals. We do all of this while trying to provide good wages and benefits to our employees, keep our advertisers successful in a very competitive media environment and pay the bank!

Radio broadcasters have always had tremendous levels of competition for the advertising dollar. Now the Internet is shooting up the list of media choices and we must creatively combat yet another serious competitor. Rather than looking at the micro-radio bill strictly as a competitive issue, which it certainly will be, either for listening shares or advertising dollars, I wish to address the diversity of programming issue. We had the pleasure of hearing the Honorable Roy Stewart address the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters last month in Philadelphia. He had asked if we felt that women in ownership and management positions had a direct relationship on the type of programming material made available to the listening public. Our answer was categorically "NO". As I relayed earlier in this letter, outside of the music, the public affairs programming and news content is "dictated" by the needs and requests of our individual communities. Yes, certainly any manager may have a special organization that is near to his/her heart and perhaps because of this, the on-air effort may be more passionate. For instance, a close family member of mine passed away from heart disease. When the American Heart Association calls, I naturally want to help them. As a woman manager, I am also very aware of organizations helping women advance in their careers, those battling domestic violence and promoting positive child care issues. We do our best to serve them. Our male managers are no less concerned about these organizations and issues that are so important in their particular markets.

I am not a minority, nor am I of any one ethnic heritage, yet my AM radio station has 8 hours of Polka programming each weekend. This programming decision is a direct result of the demands of our listeners and is appreciated greatly by that segment of our community. In Utica, NY, our station has not only a Polish program, but also an Italian hour, representing that particular community's preferences. Why add more niche programming and destroy the integrity of the spectrum by catering to groups, who in most communities, are being served quite acceptably? By adding a low power service, the FCC would have to drastically alter the existing interference protection standards. This will most definitely result in increased interference to existing broadcaster's signals and a loss of service to listeners!

In closing, I would like to note that our company is not one of the mega-groups that seem to be making the headlines each day. We consist of four stockholders. Our president is a woman! We own and operate twenty-seven radio stations, all in markets 150 and under. Of our thirty-five managers in the programming, sales and business departments, we have eighteen women. Each of these individuals was hired and/or promoted based on their

knowledge, experience and skills, not because of their sex or ethnic backgrounds. We hope to find many more of these qualified people for our company.

I sincerely thank you for your time.

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Christine Hillard  
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Greetings and salutations from the folks out here at Free Radio Austin ~~97.1 FM~~ as of now the latest micro-powered community FM station on the air. We understand that you guys over there at the FCC are working really hard on revising your licensing standards to now, finally, include micro-powered FM stations broadcasting at under 100 Watts. That sounds great! But, of course, it will be interesting to see how you make enough channels available to community radio LPFM stations without giving up the servile attitude that has allowed corporations to create commercial monopolies on our public airwaves. And with your cooperation, in spite of anti-trust laws, and in violation of your own mission statement, "to protect the public interest!"

Maybe this all should go to Congressional hearings to find out whose side the FCC is on -- the citizens' or the corporations'?

In the meantime, we have a serious issue on our hands in getting citizens -- without broadcasting degrees or a lot of money -- access to the public forum of the airwaves. Unlike Old Man "Billy the Kid" Hicks down here in Austin, who stole the FM frequency 105.9 from our neighbor station, the Hays County Guardian's MicroKind Radio San Marcos, the rest of us don't have barrels of money to use to exercise our First Amendment rights. There is an urgent need and necessity to open public dialogue on issues of the day (like them folks down there in San Marcos have) -- including political reform, the environment, music, the economy, the drug war and international issues of local concern. So we, as citizens of Austin, have mounted our electronic soapbox to open a public forum that has hereto been unavailable to the common citizen.

While there exists a plethora or two of FM stations in Austin, they are nearly all commercial, formula, market-directed, payola-motivated stations. They do not hold up to the muster of Constitutional inspection as a public forum. The only possible exception might be KOOP radio (which preferentially gives access to non-profit groups, not citizens per se), but in their case you split their license with a college radio station! Y'all never once offered KOOP the 105.9 FM frequency that you sold to a station connected to Old Man "Billy the Kid" Hicks. Isn't this all starting to sound a little odd? Y'all ain't in cahoots with Hicks and a few other corporations now, are ya'?

Anyway, our station will provide views, political speech, music, and public discourse on issues of the day -- local, national, and international -- to our local community, which has a difficult time finding their way onto commercial and so-called public broadcast stations.

We would prefer y'all to exempt Low Power FM (LPFM) stations broadcasting under 100 Watts from licensing, under the condition that stations broadcast on the FM band and do not interfere with other licensed broadcasters or other radio transmissions. This would free both the FCC and all of the currently unlicensed LPFM stations from the intense financial, bureaucratic, and legal burden that has already accumulated because of these unresolved issues. It will continue to accumulate when y'all decide to license us.

At this time we request that you start our license process, so please send us all the necessary material and forms to fill out. In the meantime, please issue us one of those waivers, like y'all did in the case of MicroKind Radio San Marcos. In any case, we expect the same due process that you have granted them and we wait in anticipation of our license and waiver.

Yours in Free Speech,

Reckless AKA *Edie Botta*  
*Chance Lase*  
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June 10, 1999

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

Dear Mr. Kennard:

At their regular meeting of June 7, 1999, the Farmington City Council adopted a resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to restore and approve low power FM radio broadcasting, and join the Michigan Senate (SR 234) and the Michigan House of Representatives (HR 379) in the request.

Sincerely,

*Patsy K. Cantrell*

Patsy K. Cantrell  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 06-99-158

Motion by McShane, seconded by Hartsock, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1978 the Federal Communications Commission stopped licensing low power radio stations.

WHEREAS, a national movement has emerged for these low power radio stations and, as a result, Petition RM 9242 is currently pending before the F.C.C.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FARMINGTON that the Farmington City Council urges the F.C.C. to restore and approve low power FM radio broadcasting, and joins the Michigan Senate (SR 234) and the Michigan House of Representatives (HR 379) in this request.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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I, Patsy K. Cantrell, duly authorized City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Farmington, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Farmington City Council at a regular meeting held on Monday, June 7, 1999, in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan.

  
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Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Dear Mr. Kennard,

I urge you to explore the implementation of a new class of Low Power FM radio stations. These stations would be very helpful to the communities they serve. As an employee of an "indie" record label, I am a champion of equal opportunities, especially for smaller companies and organizations. The growing conglomeration and homogenization of the art world and the business world in general is disturbing to me. This country was supposedly founded on freedom but at the present time, this does not seem the case to me

Thanks for your time,

Carla Scheri

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Chairman William Kennard  
Federal Communications Commission  
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i.e. Docket No. 99.25, Low Power FM Radio

Dear Chairman Kennard,

Please enter my comments concerning the creation of Low Power FM Radio.

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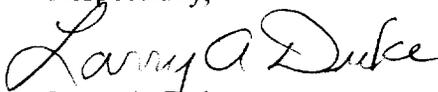
As a commercial radio station owner I have experienced the fragmentation of the radio market in a small town, Jonesboro, Arkansas, from additional stations created from Docket No. 80-90. Although Jonesboro received only one new FM license to supplement the two existing FM licenses, Jonesboro did experience additional 80-90 stations created for surrounding communities for the purpose of being moved to Jonesboro for business operations. Six 80-90 stations have abandoned Paragould, Lake City, Hoxie, Harrisburg, Trumann, and Marked Tree for Jonesboro which resulted in nine total FM stations doing business in a town of 51,000.

Each of the nine FM stations operate at 3,000 to 100,000 watts. Many are not financially able to provide locally oriented programming and have resorted to satellite programming. I cannot perceive of any benefit a low power FM can bring to a small community like Jonesboro, Arkansas except as a "non-commercial" station.

I fear a commercial broadcaster could utilize the low power FM signal to fragment a competing station's audience by duplicating their music format by subsidizing the licensee's income for doing nothing more than creating such a damaging influence on a competitor.

Low power FM stations may reduce coverage of present commercial FM signals as occurred when 80-90 stations were created. The public would be better served if the low power FM issue is removed from the table to allow full power FM licensees to serve their full coverage areas as they already do so well. If low power FM must exist then the licenses should be restricted to social, community and religious organizations for alternative, non-commercial programming.

Respectfully,



Larry A. Duke  
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The Honorable William E. Kennard,  
Chair, FCC  
445 12th St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Kennard:

It is important that the airways be returned to the people of the United States. I appreciate that the Federal Communications Commission is seriously considering taking a new look at its rules with regard to low power FM (micro radio). I hope this is a first step in demorcanizing the airways as they were originally intended. We need different voices and different viewpoints. We are not getting this with the present system of the media being controlled by a few large corporations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. Street, N.W.  
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Dear Sir:

**RE: RESOLUTION TO URGE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION TO RESTORE APPROVAL FOR LOW-POWER FM  
RADIO BROADCASTING**

Herewith transmitted for your consideration is copy of a Detroit City Council resolution adopted on January 29, 1999, relative to the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jackie L. Currie c.s.*

Jackie L. Currie  
Detroit City Clerk

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Jackie L. Currie, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 29, 1999  
(ADJOURNED SESSION): (Taken from the Detroit Legal News of Feb. 8, 1999)**

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

By COUNCIL MEMBER MAHAFFEY:

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. Their efforts has 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, The Detroit City Council urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low-power FM radio broadcasting. The Detroit City Council joins the Michigan Senate (SR 234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR 379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking F.C.C. adoption of petition RM-9241 to restore low-power FM radio broadcasting;  
BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, the entire Michigan Congressional Delegation and the City's lobbyist, Nancy Barbour.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, K. Cockrel, Jr., S. Cockrel, Everett, Hood, Mahaffey, Scott, Tinsley-Williams, and President Hill — 9.

Nays — None.

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March 7, 1999

Chairman William Kennard  
Federal Communication Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
The Portals  
445 12th St., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard,

I am writing to offer my support regarding the recent proposal regarding the licensing of 1000, 100 and 10 watt radio stations (MM Docket Number 99-25). I believe it will go a long way in balancing the corporate feeding frenzy and subsequent homogenization of the airwaves that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has unfortunately unleashed.

Thank you for your efforts regarding this vital issue. Good luck.

Sincerely,



Sarah Gioia  
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

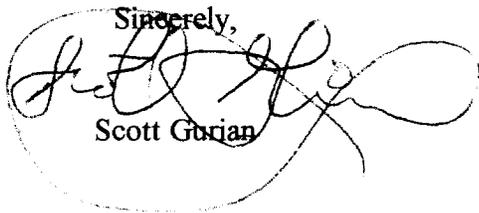
I am writing in support of your proposal to license micro-power radio stations. As a producer, reporter and commentator for community radio stations in New York and Boston, I have been very concerned about many of the changes in radio that have occurred over the last few years, most particularly, the loss of community-based broadcasting that has been heightened by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Given that radio is generally regarded as the most accessible broadcast medium, its potential to fulfill a democratizing and inclusive cultural mission is enormous. Radio should reflect the tremendous diversity of American culture, providing information and discussions of important local issues and making available cultural and musical programming that is deemed not demographically appealing enough for commercial broadcasters to carry. Average citizens with something to say should be able to have access to small, locally-based stations which would be run by others in their communities.

I feel that the 1-10 watt and 50-100 watt stations are the heart and soul of this proposal and should be prioritized. Although I believe that the 500-1000 watt service can be included, such stations should not be allowed in urban areas, where crowded radio dials will allow for very few new stations as it is.

To fulfill its most important function-- accessibility-- LPFM owners should be restricted to a single station, and there should be a provision that they live close to or within the broadcast area of the station. Cross-media ownership should not be allowed. Additionally, non-commercial station ownership should be prioritized, and the FCC should strive to issue licenses in as democratic a method as possible, such as to schools, libraries and community groups.

I thank you for your time and cooperation, and I hope you will take my suggestions into serious consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Scott Gurian

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Chairman William Kennard  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am a professor and researcher in collaborative technologies, and I have a proposal to support your current Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on "microradio" stations.

Microradio stations have an important role in supporting communication and awareness in a community. My students and I use a very low power FM transmitter here in the College of Computing at Georgia Tech to broadcast music and announcements through the building (as far as a Section 15 compliant FM transmitter will take us). The challenge for the station, however, is creating enough interesting content to get community members to listen. A radio station with few or irregular listeners cannot adequately serve to inform community members of new events nor to alert them to emergency information.

We address this problem with our radio station by inviting the community to define content for the station. We have invented a web-based collaboration tool on which users can upload music files (MIDI) or recorded announcements (in WAV or AIFF file formats), and edit a "playlist" to schedule their contributions on the air. A computer plays each of the files from the playlist, and the output of the computer is input to the FM transmitter.

The strength of this approach is that it keeps listeners involved by ensuring that the station is constantly playing content of interest to the community. The content is engaging to the members of the community because they are the ones who select and schedule it. Because it is a computer doing the broadcast, the station is constantly on the air, without an engineer or DJ.

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We face several problems with our approach. Our current transmitter is too weak to cover even the entire building. Without a wide enough base of listeners, we draw on few contributors and can have little impact. Further, a single playlist isn't enough to guarantee listener interest — the diversity of musical tastes in the College calls for scheduled programs with separate playlists, with regularly scheduled breaks for announcements.

Our work makes us naturally quite interested in the proposed changes to the licensing rules. We would like to improve our own radio station through use of the new microradio class. We would also like to make our collaboration and broadcast software available to other community groups to support their own microradio broadcasts. While commercial software is certainly available to broadcast recorded messages, our software is particularly appropriate for community groups where collaborative composition is valuable and where cost is an issue.

We propose serving as a test station for the new microradio class of stations. We request FCC assistance in defining a set of equipment appropriate to serve as a testbed, purchasing the equipment, and setting up the station with appropriate licensing. For our part, we propose completing our software, testing and evaluating the station in our campus community, and making our software available freely via the Internet. In this way, we hope to support the microradio vision for community groups.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Guzdial". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

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To: William Kennard, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Ref: Low Power FM Radio (100 Watts or less)

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I/we like to thank you for taking comments in this very important matter. There is a great need for the legal establishment of FCC-regulated low power FM radio. In my/our opinion, far too many of the publicly owned airwaves have already been turned over to far too few giant corporations. As a result the nation's mass media is to an extraordinary degree controlled by for-profit, commercial interests, which drown out nearly all other interests or alternative viewpoints. In particular, local nonprofit voices have an increasingly difficult time to get heard. It is my/our understanding, that the FCC's original mission was the "regulation of the public airwaves in the broadest public interest". I/we believe that the FCC must return to its mission by providing affordable permits to responsible low power FM stations like "Excellent Radio" in Grover Beach, California. This station has provided its community first rate programming, including broadcast of city council meetings and community forums, which are now an indispensable part of the social life in the San Luis Obispo County. Many local views and ideas would have simply not been voiced otherwise. Unfortunately, the NPR-radio stations, while trying to do their best, have also become more and more under commercial influence. There are also not enough of them to serve all local needs of the immediate communities. We urge you to make part of OUR airwaves available for nonprofit, non-commercial low power FM stations. Thank you once again for taking the lead on this crucial issue and for your interest in our comments.

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Mr. William E. Kennard  
Chair  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Kennard:

I am writing regarding the FCC's pending decision to allow low-power radio stations to exist legally.

I dunno. For some time now, I have watched with growing despair as all forms of US media--movies, print and electronic--have become increasingly concentrated into fewer and fewer hands, culminating in the odious, \$70 billion-giveaway Telecommunications Act.

One result of this concentration, I believe, is that the information presented to the American public--information which is supposed to provide the basis for an informed electorate--is much more homogenized, bland and meaningless, and much less relevant to the issues and decisions that actually shape our lives.

I believe that low-power radio can provide a small counterbalance to that anti-democratic current, and I strongly urge the Commission to allow its existence without interference.

Let a thousand antennae bloom.

Sincerely,



Wayne D. Gibb

xc: Representative Lynn Woolsey

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Hon. Wm E. Kennard  
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Dear Chairman Kennard,

I have recently read about a proposal to assign new low power stations to the non-commercial band. I listen to Public radio stations in Amherst Ma. and Albany N.Y. and an commercial station in Hartford Ct.

Even now there are some FM station at local colleges which at times interfere with the stations I listen to. Please don't make the situation worse by allowing others to interfere with the Public Radio stations. Keep them away from the Public Radio frequencies -

Thank you  
Charles Fishkin

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William Kennard

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Dear Mr. Kennard,

Re: NPRM # FCC 996 - Thank you for your stand on micro-power community radio. I'm writing to ask you to forget about 1000 watt stations + support the proposed rule-making for low power FM stations. We don't want this space to be taken by large commercial stations or religious programming. This air space should be available to local, community-based, non-commercial stations.

Thank you,  
Judith Foster

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