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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Re: Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000  
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Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of the nearly 1,000 students, faculty and staff of Five Towns College at Dix Hills, Long Island, NY, we write to urge you to oppose legislation currently being considered by Congress deceptively entitled the "Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000." This legislation would actually reverse rules made by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designed to create low-power FM radio stations and which would benefit students, educators, our local communities, and other non-commercial program providers.

~~For nearly three decades this College has attempted to acquire a license to broadcast an educational radio station on the FM frequency. However, because of stringent rules adopted by the FCC this effort was completely unsuccessful. Now the FCC has reconsidered its opposition to low-power educational radio, and has made rules which would reestablish such stations for the first time in nearly twenty years.~~

Unfortunately, the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and National Public Radio (NPR), who are concerned only about new competition and market share, have mounted heavy pressure upon Congress to enact legislation which would effectively reverse the FCC. The NAB and NPR have nothing to fear from low-power radio stations, which by design cannot even begin to compete with full-power radio stations. The Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000 would destroy the small chance the students attending this college now have of obtaining a license for a low-power educational radio station.

The FCC has already established that low-power FM radio will not have any adverse effect on existing broadcast licensees, and that LPFM will actually enhance use of the publicly owned airwaves. Those opposed to low-power FM, do so for their own selfish reasons.

Please, we urge you, do not let the NAB and NPR destroy the only hope for educational radio on this campus. Please let Congress know that you oppose and will veto any legislation which reverses the FCC on the issue of Low Power FM.

Sincerely yours,

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Dean of Administration

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