

I am recording artist who has appeared on radio, TV, stage and screen. I'm also a concerned citizen who listens to a several hours of radio each day.

I think the FCC should define local programming as that produced locally with decisions made by the local stations themselves.

Local programming should consist not merely of news and public affairs, but sports, entertainment and the arts as well. Local artists should have a platform and for their talents.

Voice-tracking is one the more pernicious forms of media conglomeration. The dehumanizing, de-personalizing of local program content. There are plenty of nationwide platforms on radio and TV. We don't want to lose our cultural individuality in the current rash of media consolidation.

If a show is live and local it's meaningful to locals in a way homogenized, dumbed-down voice-tracked shows will never be.

National playlists stifle artists who aren't allied with big label, media conglomerates. Local stations should be given the autonomy to program what they feel their audience would like to hear. This would include a fair sampling of "national" names and give air time to artists with local followings as well.

I think low power FM radio is a good thing for encouraging diversity but let's not relieve the media conglomerates from their responsibility to serve the local communities they broadcast in with locally produced and performed content.

Thank you soliciting and listening to the local voices who will be affected by your decisions. Let's preserve our individuality by serving our communities locally. Keep up the good work.