

The FCC should make every effort to protect low power FM (LPFM) and the community-oriented content it provides.

I believe freedom of speech is not limited to corporations with deep pockets.

Full power stations must not be allowed to cut into the coverage area of LPFM stations and knock them off the air. The FCC must adopt a policy that would deny a full power station's modification application if granting the application would reduce the coverage area available to LPFM stations.

LPFM stations should be afforded higher priority than translators.
Translators only

repeat programming, sometimes from hundreds of miles away. Every new translator takes the place of a potential LPFM station that would provide original local programming. The FCC should give locally controlled and operated LPFM station applications precedence over translator applications.

The FCC should consider the circumstances under which low power stations operate when determining the rules for their licensing. For LPFM service to be more accessible to community groups, the FCC should modify its rules so that typical changes on a non-profit board would be permissible under FCC rules.

Similarly, the FCC should allow low power stations a

greater amount of
time to construct
stations and to
shift ownership.

The FCC has the
responsibility to
protect the service
of low power radio
and nurture its
growth. Congress is
considering
legislation to
expand the service
by removing the
restrictions on the
third-adjacent
channel, which could
allow LPFM to expand
into larger
communities. The FCC
should take every
opportunity to tell
Congress that the
technological
landscape is ready
for this change.

Millions of people
have died for the
right of free
speech.

It is a sacred trust
we must honor for
those who fought for
it
and for those
generations yet to
come.

