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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you give serious consideration to the proposals recently submitted to the FCC which seek a change in the law to **permit low-power broadcasting** in the United States. I disagree with the concept that a market is best served entirely by fewer, more powerful stations and I would like to see a return of **licensed locally-owned and -operated** low-power stations. I believe such stations were permitted as recently as 1978. It is particularly **distressing** to see **additional frequencies granted to existing** powerful FM stations - and perhaps AM stations as well - for translators or repeaters when these frequencies might be allocated to low-power community stations which could better serve their communities.

I also hope that the power limit for **unlicensed** FM broadcasting might be **raised**. With strict identification and non-interference requirements, a limit which would allow the operation of a 500mw or 1watt transmitter with a reasonable antenna might be workable.

There are at least two low-power broadcasting proposals before the Commission and the issues are complex, so I will leave it to others who are better informed than myself to debate the specific merits of each. Please allow a return of local and independent broadcasting to the United States.

Respectfully,



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