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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM
(LPFM) Broadcast Service

FCC RM-9242

Comments of Wyatt Cox

I wish to file this comment in **support** of RM-9242. Having grown up in the era of "hometown" broadcasters, I believe that this rulemaking will be **beneficial** to both broadcasting and local communities. However, there are two issues that **must** be stressed in this rulemaking.

First, the local ownership requirements are a **must**. If this is to be a local service, then **local** ownership is mandatory, as is the implied one person, one station rule.

Second, this must be stressed to be a **limited, local service**. There will be those who will attempt to license a LPFM station at, say, 300 watts, then petition the commission at some future time to bump the power to beyond the limits of the service, say 30,000 watts. LPFM should be just that, low power. If someone wants a full power FM, they should go by those rules from the beginning.

I believe that if the commission is serious about solving the problem of "pirate broadcasters", a service such as that proposed in RM-9242 is essential. As Rodger Skinner says, "The proposals put forth in this petition will clearly serve the public interest, convenience and necessity." It is a concept that, while at the roots of the business of broadcasting, is one seldom remembered.

Respectfully submitted,



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