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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Ms. Ness:

I am writing this message to voice my support for the two recent proposals regarding the establishment of regulations and licencing for low-power radio. The easing of restrictions on major broadcasting has not had the effect intended and has become detrimental to the development of competition within the radio market. This is evident in the consolidations of various broadcasting corporations. The sad fact is that the radio markets are gradually turning into corporate monopolies. This means that radio stations cannot focus on the local issues and tastes, but rather they must focus on maintaining the profit income of their parent companies. This is why I would like to support the forming of rules allowing small, local radio stations to broadcast, thus giving common people a voice in the radio market. I can think of no better way to encourage community involvement and free exchange of ideas than to allow local neighborhoods, schools, and small towns to have a voice on the airwaves. Many of the concerns mentioned by you and your colleagues can be easily addressed (interference, content restrictions). The bottom line is that there is a lot of free space on the airwaves and that it would be wrong and unconstitutional to simply allow it to be controlled by corporations.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerly,

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