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to FCC

I am writing to you because of the LPFM radio case that is before the FCC. I have been trying to get a frequency, but the financial aspects of this endeavor has made it almost impossible for me to compete with the larger conglomerates in the broadcast industry.

I thought Ameica was the land of opportunity. The only opportunity I see in this country, especially in the broadcast industry is for those that have alot of money already.

For instance, I can go and get an engineer to find me a frequency and pay him 3,000 dollars to do so. I than can send in this information along with the filing fee of 750.00 to the FCC. What they do next is, place the frequency, that I spent my hard earned money on to find, into a lottery where other people can bid on my frequency and that includes the big broadcasting corporations. From this allotment Pool, the FCC would than pick the winner of that frequency. This is a travisty of injustice. Why? Because it was I that did all the back breaking work to find this frequency in the first place. I am the one that spent the money, not FCC. Why should the FCC take my venture and claim it as their own. It is not theirs to begin with. It is mine. What gives them the authority to take my investment and give it to someone else who did nothing to find this frequency. I do not work for the FCC. They are not paying me to find a vacant frequency. Why should they be allowed then to take it from me and give it to someone else.

When I apply for this frequency with my application to the FCC, they then open the door for other interested individuals to apply for that same frequency. They may put in an application for my frequency and try to claim it. If there are other interested parties applyint for my frequency, then there

will be a hearing held at the FCC. In order for me to attend this hearing, to try to defend my claim on this frequency, and remember I am the one who found and paid money for this frequency, I have to submit nearly 8 thousand dollars just for the privilege to attend. This is still no guarantee

that this frequency will be awarded to me. So now I have spend 12 thousand dollars that still does not give me my frequency.

Of course, who will the frequency be awarded to, the large broadcast corporations. Why? Because money talks. I know I sound syncial, but this is the way of the FCC.

Mr. Castle, in the last year, practically all the radio stations in Delaware

with the ecxception of WGMD in Lewes and a few up in northern Delaware have been sold to 3 big Broadcasting Corporations, with the approval of the FCC.

They are Scott Broadcasting, Cumulus and and Delmarva Broadcasting. We are talking about alot of radio stations. This prevents us, little folks, from being able to have a radio station. How can these large broadcast corporations know the needs and the cares of the various communities. They don't. They are not even located in this

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area. They give a rats a\_\_\_ about the people in the community where the broadcast station is located. All they are interested in is their profit margins.

Please support proposition rule RM 9242. We need this law passed. This is the only way the little man, woman and minorities can compete with the big conglomerates. We are depending on you to correct this injustice. Our constitution states "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL WITH UNALIENABLE RIGHTS". You have to prove this is still true. Only the government can correct this injustice with the FCC. After all you are their boss, they are not yours. Take control and run all your branches of the government the way it should be run. Show the American people that you are really concerned about all their needs and concerns. That is why you were voted into office. You represent the little man, not the big corporations. The big corporations can take care of themselves, but we, you average every day working class population, need you to fight for us. You are our voice in this country. Use it. Give us, the little man or women a chance to succeed in this country too. This is the only thing that will truly make America strong, for if you back us, we will back you.

Thank you,  
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