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

FCC RM-9242

Comments of **Bart Eller**

I live in a rural valley town where there are four radio stations on the dial: one local, two out-of-town Christian stations, and one commercial country station. I would really like our town to have another radio station -- a local station covering local issues and serving the actual needs of the community -- but the current FCC regulations and fees prohibit this due to our small population (about 1,200 people) and limited financial base.

I ask that the FCC accept the above-mentioned Proposal so that small towns like Paonia can afford to have local community radio stations, so that small communities within large towns can afford to have a voice, and so that the ideal of free speech can be more properly pursued and made available to the public. In order to serve a community, I believe that an LPFM station would have to be allowed to have 10 watts or more, and the licensing fee would have to be kept very low, as is proposed in RM-9242. I believe it is proper to give Low Power FM the same chance that Low Power TV has received, and I would be saddened and frustrated if this were not allowed to happen.

If LPFM were allowed to exist, there are innumerable interests which could be served, taking the burden away from larger stations who feel compelled to broadcast information which serves the greatest number of people. LPFM could cover all the "little" news stories, the local community announcements, the children who want to sing a song on the radio, and so much more. There is a need for this type of service, but right now there is no way to meet this need because the amount of money to be raised from serving such a small segment of the population would not cover typical broadcasting fees and costs.

Please approve the Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM (LPFM) Broadcast Service (FCC RM-9242).

Sincerely,

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