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Subject: Comments On Rule Making RM.-9242.

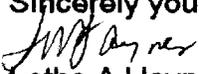
I concur with Mr. Rodger Skinner petition (RM9242) requesting the F C C to establish a ruling which allows for low power FM Radio stations. As a minority who have worked in radio for a number of years I find that there is little or no coverage by major radio station of local events which occurs in the community.

In all fairness there are perfectly valid and understandable motivations which underlies Mr. Skinner ideas. Over the past decade and even now, its only big cooperation and millionaires are able to own radio station. I would like to express concern about the need for greater diversity of media ownership, especially a low power FM station that will facilitate the need of the local community.

If this low power FM radio station exits, this will be the only opportunity that I will have to own and operate a radio station. I have always wanted to own a radio station. Minorities are not millionaires but we would make a difference throughout the community if given a chance.

Although we are asking for a low power FM station that does not mean we should get second to nothing. As some individuals suggested to issue a 1 watt if, and when the time arrives. If we acknowledge a low power radio station as a neighborhood radio, it should be something like a low power TV with watts from 50 W to 3kW and maximum antenna height of 328 feet HAAT. I also feel that the pirate radio operations should be grandfathered in this new deal. In most cases I don't think that they had set out to break the law, but the problem that is out there is "money" and you are expected to acquire a license before broadcasting on the air waves.

Pirating the air waves is illegal but if the large organizations want the pirates to be legal, then make a way for this to be possible and support the rule of RM-9242. Finally, my comment on the issue of cost factor, it would be wise to set aside a nationwide FM band for community low power stations. With over an estimated 1000 or more pirate radio station throughout the country, why make criminals out of us because of our interest in radio broadcasting and communication. Instead, we are urging the FCC to help us to become legal by giving us the opportunity to broad cast through local low power FM station.

Sincerely yours

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