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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comments on RM-9242

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is in support of the proposed LPFM radio broadcast stations as described in the Petition for Rulemaking FCC RM- 9242.

I have been a radio personality in the Chicago market for over 40 years. There are many broadcast stations, but the ownership is distributed to a few large owners. One company owns 8 frequencies, for instance.

Consequently, it is very difficult for any local entity to acquire a frequency. The costs are tremendous for the license, and only large companies can generate the finances.

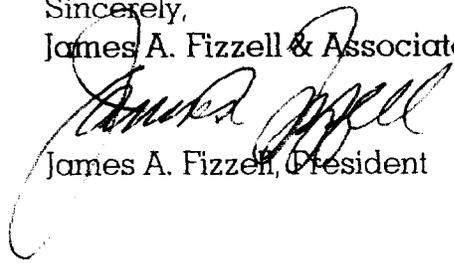
As a result, many of the stations carry formats designed by management at some distant location with little regard for local interests or needs. A large segment of the listening audience has no input into the formats presented by the stations to which they listen.

When frequencies do become available, large companies are easily able to outbid local interests. It is essential that any LPFM frequencies be allocated by lottery.

The LPFM stations will provide a needed function in many markets throughout the country. The legalization of these outlets would legitimize many such stations now operating illegally anyway, thus assuring that assigned frequencies will not interfere with existing stations or other legal FM operations.

Should LPFM become available in this market, we would be interested in applying for a license to provide local programming to listeners in our broadcast area.

Sincerely,
James A. Fizzell & Associates, Ltd.



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