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Dear Members, FCC,

I'm a professional broadcaster who has taken a keen interest in the efforts of independent microstation K A W - FM 88.9 here in Lawrence, Kansas. I find their programming diverse and beneficial to my hometown's community. It's real public radio, since the public actually runs it on the air.

That said, I'd like to cautiously support Petition 9242 for setting up some kind of system to legitimize small stations like KAW. While certain things concern me, about the economic survival of small stations that may find the provisions too restrictive for growth and also the possibility that they'd have to submit to being auctioned as private property, still I must support any measure that may solve the exploding problem of homogenization of mass media. CPB funded public stations are less able to cater to minority concerns, as they must now compete for ratings against commercial stations and against CPB's own target audience figures, so the slack has to be taken up somewhere. Community stations, like Kansas City's KKFI are fine for large metro areas who will support them financially, but smaller communities need something, and micro radio stations seem to be the best, fairest answer at this time.

I am backing Petition RM-9242 and I hope you will do the same.

Sincerely,



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