

April 22, 1998

Office of the Secretary
FCC, Room 222
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commission Member,

I am writing in support of Petition RM-9242, dealing with a rule change proposal to establish licensing procedures for low power stations. I listen to and participate in the community radio station in Lawrence, Kansas (KAW 88.9 FM).

Nowhere else in this community does the local public have the opportunity to express and seek opinions and share knowledge with their fellow citizens over the radio. Other stations in the area deal with community issues and interests only at the most peripheral level. And, there is some concern that the established stations do not give full coverage of divergent views, nor even full and balanced coverage of events that occur at public meetings.

The expression, "freedom of speech" has a hollow ring to it in situations where only those with political or monetary influence (is there a difference?) can speak about their side of issues. The community radio station at KAW seeks and supports input from the community and often is the only voice presenting the average citizen's side of the story.

Please allow our voices to be heard.

Sincerely



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