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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

IN THE MATTER OF
PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF LOW POWER FM
(LPFM) BROADCAST SERVICE

FCC RM-9242

to: Federal Communications Commission
from: John R. DeMasi
re: Comments on FCC RM-9242

Please allow this memo to act as a strong endorsement of FCC RM-9242. As a professional broadcaster for the past 25 years, I have seen the many changes in the business. What with duopolies, conglomerates and big corporations monopolizing most of the nation's airwaves, I feel it is time we put back the "LOCAL" in radio, especially those areas that are "swallowed up" by the big broadcasters and receive very little community support. By allowing RM-9242 to become a reality, not only can "local radio" happen once again, it will also allow minorities, professional broadcasters, and many other qualified individuals the opportunity to own and operate their very own radio station. Most of these, while qualified to run stations, will never achieve owner/operator status as it exists today because of the astronomical amounts stations are trading for.

There is no question, and I speak from first hand experience, owner/operators substantially benefit the communities they serve

Also, it is vitally important for the FCC to allow the power levels listed in RM-9242. Without these, it is quite obvious that many of these stations will be ineffective. A community can not benefit from something they can't hear!!!

I appreciate the commission's prompt and favorable action on this matter
Thank you.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, (John Richard DeMasi), do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Reply-Comments on RM-9242" was sent via first class mail, this second day of May, 1998, to the following parties:

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