

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of
Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM
(LPFM) Broadcast Service

FCC RM-9242

To: Federal Communications Commission

Reply-Comments of Michael P. Russell

I strongly urge the FCC to adopt RM-9242 requesting the creation of a Low Power FM (LPFM) radio broadcast service nationwide adopting the power levels listed in this petition. Creation of LPFM is more critical than ever in large part due to the current trend of large companies and public corporations acquiring vast numbers of stations at shocking rates, in many cases several within the same market. This practice is severely limiting access to the airwaves for individuals, groups and even advertisers due to prohibiting costs recent trends in the industry have generated.

The adoption of RM-9242 will serve the community by promoting diversity of ownership in the broadcast industry and providing a greater variety of programming choices for the public. In addition, creation of such a service will create cost-effective outlets for advertising for small business owners who otherwise can't afford to bring their message to the airwaves. RM-9242 is critical to bring radio back to the community which hardly exists today.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Commission to adopt RM-9242 as quickly as possible.

Thank you,



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