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Mr. William Kinnard
Chairman of the FCC
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RE: LOW POWER FM, RM 9242

Dear Mr. Kinnard,

I am not a PHD and I don't carry some sort of title after my name. I am just an ordinary citizen that has been trying to get LPFM passed, so that I will be able to own and operate a Low Power radio station in my community.

It is a travisty of justice when I read how the NAB has manipulated the FCC to acknowledge their every whim. This should never happen. Who is in control of the FCC? You and your co-chairmen or the NAB. For them to dictate the rules and regulations of the FCC is a crime. They are just business owners that are allowed to have their businesses because of you and the FCC. They act and talk as if they are your employers and stead of the vice versa being the case.

Who gives them the right to judge who is suitable to run a radio station. In the beginning they were no better than I. They were individuals that wanted to own a station, except for one exception, they had the money or the backing of some financial institution behine them. Now they think that they are far above us. They are no better than I and hundreds of other individuals just trying to get started.

I have had a broadcasters license for the past 7 years and I have worked hard and long hours learning the facts and the regulations allowed in the broadcast industry. To even get more experience, I worked for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Ann, Maryland for almost two years, strictly on a voluntary basis, just so that I could learn from the experts. I use to work at WESM 91.3fm for two days every week for absolutely no income. I wanted to learn all I could.

This is why I get so mad when I read the comments of NAB and the other Broadcasting Association. They have no right to judge me. Have they ever talked to me or seen me work at a radio station? The answer of course is no. They act as if they are GOD and they have the right to pass judgement on individuals just because of their financial background.

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No, Chairman Kinnard, I am not wealthy. As a matter of fact, I am just a struggling working women. But I know this for sure, I love the radio business and I would be a good stewart of a radio station. I am not one of those that would abuse my position by being a radio station owner.

You know, our constitution states that each and everyone of the citizens that live in America have the right to pursue their American dream. Well, my dream is to own a radio station. I want to have a true community station. One that is the heart and soul of our communtiy. Not like the stations that are owned by these large broadcast corporations. The only part of the soul of any community that they are interested in is the financial gain that they can derive from that community. Sorry to be so blunt, but that is the fact. Do they ever go out from behind their big desks in their big corporate headquarters, and visit and talk to the people where their radio station is broadcasting to. No. They get one of their representatives, who probably doesn't even live in the area of the community, to scout the surrounding community just to see if it would be profitable for the corporation. "How many businesses do you think we will be able to get to advertise on our station." That's all that they are really interested in. They come in, and ninety five percent of the time, they will change the format to their liking and never ask the community what they want to hear. How did I come to this conclusion: because if they really took a poll and listen to the public and played the music the public wanted to hear and catered to their needs and desires, their station would be number one on the arbitron ratings. Correct?

Please Mr. Kinnard, listen to those of us that truly want to own and operate a LPFM radio station for our community. We know what our community wants. We are part of that community. Of course with any business, you will have those that will come in and abuse the system. But you will have the authority to disband those renegades. Don't judge all those individuals in the the same class. There will always be some rotten apples, but when you remove those rotten apples, you can save the rest of the bushel.

That is all I am asking of you. Save the rest of the bushel. We can become an effective asset to the FCC. Why? Because we are doing this out out of the love and the true desire to be an asset to our community. I know that this will be something that will be a movement that you will be proud of. Years from now, you and the rest of your commissioners will be remembered as a group that really wanted to do something for the people and give this government agency back to the people.

Please, Mr. Kinnard and the rest of the commissioners, please pass RM 9242. It is time to take back what was legally yours. Don't let NAB or the rest of the Broadcasting organizations dictate what you can do and what you can't do. You are the authority, and you can dictate what can and can not be done. Look deep into your hearts and I know that you will agree with me. Don't let NAB and all those other organization use their scare tactics on you and the other commissioners. They are doing it out of creed and of course jealousy. They don't want us little broadcasters taking away any of their advertising contracts. That will be money out of their pockets and in the large world of corporations, profits is what counts.

Allow the LPFM frequencies to go to at least 50 Watts. Let the NAB know that if we are wrong with our assumptions, we will go out of business and they would win. But you have to at least give us the chance to go into business. This is the only way we will know, I'm talking about the FCC and the owners of radio stations, what the people of a certain community really want on their airways. This is suppose to be the land of opportunities, well now is your chance to see if this assertion is correct. Give us that opportunity. The ball is now in your court and it is your serve. Will it be a strike or a homerun. Only you know. After all, you are the one at the home plate. Give us a homerun and lets win one for all Americans wanting a piece of the action. We are waiting anxiously for your action. Let us go home to our community carrying a banner stating that the FCC is the true victor in this situation.

Give us LPFM to at least 50 watts, and I know that we will make you so proud of your decision. We will back you all the way.

Thank you,

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