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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to the proposal to allow thousands of new low power radio stations. Such an action will flood the already crowded air waves making it very difficult for the public find their desired programming. This idea is very similar to the 'Docket 80-90' decision of the last decade. The "80-90" effects were devastating. Please do not allow history to repeat itself. I think that we can all agree on the lesson learned by "80-90" in as much many of those frequencies are still not on the air. Please table any discussion of yet another round of more frequencies until the full affect of the "80-90" frequencies is truly known.

We operate in a coastal market which allows far more frequencies than land locked locations. Listeners are currently confused by the number of stations and are frustrated by the severe segmentation that already exists. I am very confident that we provide a great deal of community focused programming. On our AM/FM combo we air the following local interest pieces:

high school sports, election forums for candidates, a weekly call-in with the city mayor, fundraising efforts on behalf of local charities, 20+ PSA messages a day, local artists...music as well as theater, religious teachings, local ethnic music features. These are just a taste of the community services that we provide. We have several other responsible broadcasters in our market who also provide community services as well as public radio and more than a hand full of non-commercial religious stations. The needs of the Wilmington community are very well addressed. I say that we are well ahead of the curve in that respect.

I must respectfully ask that you DO NOT consider any additional low power radio stations. We seriously address our community responsibility and our emergency duties in times of need. Additional stations will only detract from the job we are already doing. Please do not further complicate the air waves and confuse the listening public.

Respectfully,

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