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Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room 222,
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Before the Federal Communications Commission, Washington DC 20554
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 Robert Cukr, Jr.

Sirs,

I am writing in support of RM-9242. I believe as the airwaves belong to the public we should be allowed better access to them and we should have more of a say in what is being broadcast on them.

I believe the current situation is bordering on being untenable. The stations are supposed to be responsive to their communities and when the stations are owned by corporations based in another part of the country I hardly think those in charge can keep track of the requirements of the communities. Frankly, I can't say I think they try or really care.

When we feel these needs are not being met, we should have some sort recourse. As of now we do not. The FCC requires low power stations to get a class D license to broadcast, but due to large lobby dollars this is no longer possible. As I understand, they simply are no longer given out. These licenses exist in theory only at this point.

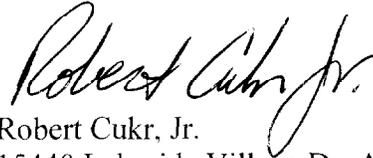
The government claims these licenses exist when they raid a citizen exercising his rights to free speech by broadcasting and fulfilling the needs of his neighbors, be it by broadcasting classical music when the only station in town that used to air it changes formats hoping to increase profits, or by broadcasting points of view that cannot be heard anywhere else. But they do not exist when the law abiding citizen decides to go about legally trying to get into broadcasting.

While I do not in any way wish to deny anyone the right to pursue any profits they can get, I do wish to deny anyone from keeping someone else from legally filling a void they deem needs filling. Right now Big Corp. Inc. can come in and buy a station and have a choice to air type A music or type B music. If they pick A over B, they don't have to worry if people really want to hear B. The local citizen can't take the chance to air B, because Big Corp. had lobbyists spread money around to disallow this in case they make a bad decision. How is this right?

The large broadcasters lobbyists are now trying to misinform the public by saying micro power broadcasters are dangerous because they interfere with air traffic transmissions at airports. This is blatantly false. Some of us know that AM, FM, UHF, VHF, and air traffic transmissions are all on different bands of the broadcast spectrum as to avoid interference. Also, they are scared of the upcoming FM digital broadcasting capabilities that would open up more space to broadcast in as each stations' bandwidth would be narrower to cut down interference. They can't allow anyone who could actually compete with them and have fresh ideas to actually be allowed access to the field of play.

I would hope you would truly take the concerns of citizens into account in this matter and not just see the money of the NAB and other lobbies. I hope you will pass RM-9242 and allow American citizens voices to be heard once again.

I end this with a quote from Sen. David Bonior at a local free speech rally, "Communication is the foundation of community. Community radio is vital to that whole sense of community."



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