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Dear Chairman and Commissioners:  
Chief Counsel Wright:

Most communities are denied their own voice. Unless one has at least \$100,000 to start a 100 watt FM station, there is no way any community without those resources can have a voice. Before 1980 it was possible to apply for and receive a 10 watt Class D educational station license with very little money in the bank. Thanks to an alliance of reactionary elements, who sought to suppress voices outside the mainstream, and liberal elements such as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (NPR), who sought to establish more "professional" stations (translation: more likely to be funded by corporate blood money laundered through foundations), the FCC eliminated all 10 watt station licenses as of 1980. This move prevented the 99% of the U.S. population who do not have the monetary resources from having a voice on the FM bank, especially African Americans who are underrepresented in the media by 600%.and Woman.Plus Disabled.

If the airwaves were not dominated by the corporate media pirates, there would be plenty of FM radio spectrum space available for all to use. Even in the congested Bay Area Fm radio spectrum, there are quite a number of frequencies that would be appropriate for low power (.5 to 10 watts) community broadcast operations. Unfortunately, like so many other public resources such as old growth forests, the air waves have been hijacked and polluted by the corporate state in its relentless pursuit of profit and control of all public resources

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