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

In the Matter of
Microstation Radio Broadcast Service) RM 9208, 9242, 9246
Petition for Rulemaking)

REPLY COMMENTS OF RICHARD EDMONDSON

I am a supporter of micro radio re-legalization and a founder of San Francisco Liberation Radio, a micro station broadcasting in San Francisco. Our station has been on the air for five years. During that time I have received no complaints of interference from other radio stations, nor do I know of any. On June 17, 1998, SFLR turned its transmitter off in compliance with the court injunction issued in the Stephen Dunifer case. Since that time we have received numerous expressions of regret from our former listeners regarding the station's silencing. A little bit of what our station meant to our community can be gleaned from the enclosed letters.

I urge the FCC to look favorably upon the rulemaking petitions calling for the legalization of micro radio. How can it possibly be fair or just that a small handful of corporations own and control all the radio stations of this country? How can it be fair or just for advertisers to dictate, to the degree that they do, programming content, when we, the American people, to whom the airwaves supposedly belong, have no voice? Is this really what the FCC intends? Is it really what a nation founded upon freedom and democracy should be about? I support in total the "Reply Comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications in Rulemakings 9208, 9242, and 9246." Should the FCC rescind its present ban on stations of under 100 watts in power, San Francisco Liberation Radio will immediately apply for a license under the new guidelines. Please give us the opportunity to continue to provide the programming which our community has demonstrated that it wants and needs.

Enclosed are 10 copies each of letters from the San Francisco Green Party, the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and Ms. Catherine Powell. I am sending copies also to my congressperson, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, and to my two U.S. senators, Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.

I will be pleased to provide additional information and/or clarification upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 13, 1998

William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Kennard:

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) is writing to express its support for San Francisco Liberation Radio and the grassroots micro-power radio movement in general, and our dismay at the injunction issued by Federal District Judge Claudia Wilken on June 16, 1998.

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) is a 38-year-old neighborhood organization in San Francisco that often takes unpopular stands on political issues that the mainstream media chooses to ignore or distort, (e.g. defending the civil rights of homeless people). For the past year, San Francisco Liberation Radio has broadcast our monthly meetings in their entirety, allowing the public to hear our organization's point of view unfiltered. They also were broadcasting meetings of other San Francisco community-based organizations who otherwise would not have access to the radio.

We believe that in order for a democracy to sustain itself, it is essential that alternative opinions be heard. Therefore, the HANC general membership passed the following resolution at its July 9, 1998 meeting:

> *Be it resolved that HANC supports the legalization of micro-power radio broadcasts, and opposes any injunction prohibiting micro-power radio stations from broadcasting.*
>
> *HANC demands that any U.S. Federal Court judgment on the legality of micro-power radio stations be based on constitutional, First Amendment grounds, and not on procedural issues.*

Therefore, our organization urges the FCC to reverse its position on micro-power radio, as the airwaves belong to the people and this is a basic First Amendment issue.

Sincerely,

James Beck

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July 16, 1998

William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Kennard,

The San Francisco Green Party has become aware of the struggle of micro-power radio to gain access to the airwaves. San Francisco Liberation Radio(SFLR) , 93.7 fm, has recently gone off the air due to an injunction issued on June 16th by US District Court Judge Claudia Wilken against Free Radio Berkeley (FRB), 104.1 fm, and others. SFLR has in the past broadcast many programs of local interest, including many events sponsored or supported by the San Francisco Green Party.

The San Francisco Green Party feels that such micro-power community radio stations are vitally important in disseminating information that more powerful stations broadcasting over a wider area will not include. The San Francisco Green Party believes that the radio waves belong to the public, and that the public's right to use them is constitutionally protected by the First Amendment. The judgment issued by Judge Wilken was not based on constitutional grounds, but merely on a procedural question.

Therefore, **the San Francisco Green Party resolved** at its last general meeting on July 2nd, 1998, **to support the legalization of micro-power radio and to oppose any injunction against micro-power radio's ability to broadcast. The San Francisco Green Party also resolved to insist that any judgment regarding the legality of micro-power radio be based on the United States Constitution. and especially the First Amendment.**

The San Francisco Green Party asks the FCC to reverse its stand on the value of micro-power radio and to work for its legalization, recognizing its value to the American people and its protection by the Constitution of the Unitded States.

Sincerely,

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July 10, 1998

Senator Barbara Boxer
US Senate
Washington,DC 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

I am writing to you to urge your support for the legalization of micro radio.

Two Bay Area micro radio stations have recently ceased broadcasting due to the possibility of criminal charges. These are important voices in the community and we need them. They broadcast local meetings, events, and interviews that would not appear in the mainstream media. The corporatization of the mainstream media continues apace. We need a media for the people. Please help us liberate the airwaves.

Hopefully

Catherine Powell

Also sent to Feinstein, Pelosi, Tauzin & Lantos