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RE: RULE RM-9242

If the FCC wants to understand the need for the freedom of the airwaves, Freedom of Speech, and the First Admendment, paraphrasing John F. Kennedy, "let them come to Detroit".

The new phenomenon, the talk shows, on multi-media outlets, have made a mockery of free speech, with their virtual censorship of incoming call.

I believe that whenever a defined market is controlled by a limited number of ideas, it represents a threat to free speech, and public welfare, because it tends to control the minds of the voters. It makes it easy to control the minds of many by a few. If democracy is to survive, freedom of expression must not be limited to a few.

A formula should be established, so that a few, low power, public interest stations, such as 100-watt FM stations, should be allowed within every market, so that freedom of speech, according to the Constitution, can be maintained. Without this, mass media markets are controlled by a few, and will eventually lead to a government controlled by a few, and to totalitarianism.

Hearings in Detroit, or elsewhere, could conceivably lead to a plan by which a "citizen band" could be created, similar to existing citizen band radio, so that citizens views cannot be totally blocked out.

Thank You,


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