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From: Phyllis Bedford <fiapab@panther.gsu.edu>
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("automated_activism@we-2.com")
Date: 7/22/98 9:29am
Subject: Phyllis Bedford says Legalize Micro Radio

This email was generated by a visitor to AUTOMATED ACTIVISM, located at http://www.we-2.com/popc/aa.html.

I urge you to support the legalization of micro radio.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 has resulted in an unprecedented number of radio station mergers and buyouts, consolidating ownership into fewer and fewer hands. This bodes ill for our democracy.

Currently, there are several proposals before the Federal Communications Commission which seek to rescind the FCC's 1979 ban on the licensing of low power radio stations of under 100 watts. In addition, one of these proposals mandates that micro station owners live in the communities they serve, expressly forbidding absentee ownership. I believe that locally owned stations stand a much better chance of giving voice to community concerns, and help to give women and people of color a voice on the airwaves.

These rulemaking proposals are running into stiff opposition from the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), the professional lobbying arm of corporate-owned broadcast conglomerates, which has been stridently opposed to micro radio.

While the NAB cites signal interference as the reason for its opposition, there
is little evidence that micro station signals interfere with commercial stations.
What the NAB really fears is competition for listeners from community based stations that offer more than a bland diet of commercials, weather, traffic reports and market researched play lists.

I encourage you to support the legalization and licensing of micro radio stations
up to 100 watts. This is a voice which the American people sorely need.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Bedford
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From: "E. Alan Meece" <eameece@california.com>
To: A7.A7(WKENNARD)
Date: 7/22/98 1:09pm
Subject: micropower radio stations

Dear Chairman Kennard,

I'm writing to protest the shut down of micropower radio. while I respect the need of the FCC to regulate broadcasting, so that radio stations do not interfere with each others' signals, it is also the FCC's responsibility to ensure that the public airwaves belong to the public. This is not now the case. Because of the 1996 communications Act, a few corporations have been able to buy up the airwaves. One company can control up to 8 stations in a single market. This means there is no diversity of programming, and that all decisions are made by a few CEOs from some corporate office on the other side of the country from the community served by any commercial radio station. These corporate monoliths will not allow programming that challenges their interests and their domination of our society. Nor will they broadcast programming of interest to the communities they serve, but tend to increasingly broadcast only nationwide programs such as Dr. Laura. Thus, today the only access the public has to its own airwaves are through community radio and micropower radio stations. It is an outrage and a violation of first amendments rights to harass and prohibit these stations from operating. Please support RM-9242 to legalize and license community, low-power radio stations so that the public may reclaim its airwaves from the commercial-only interests of the mega-corporations represented by the NAB and NPR.

Sincerely,
Eric A. Meece

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From: "E. Alan Meece" <eameece@california.com>
To: A7.A7(SNESS)
Date: 7/22/98 3:57pm
Subject: Low Power Radio

Dear Chairman Kennard,

I'm writing to protest the shut down of micropower radio. While I respect the need of the FCC to regulate broadcasting, so that radio stations do not interfere with each others' signals, It is clear that such interference as now exists is extremely minor. It is also the FCC's responsibility to ensure that the public airwaves belong to the public. This is not now the case. Because of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, a few corporations have been able to buy up the airwaves. One company can control up to 8 stations in a single market. This means there is no diversity of programming, and that all decisions are made by a few CEOs from some corporate office on the other side of the country from the community served by any commercial radio station. These corporate monoliths will not allow programming that challenges their interests and their domination of our society. Nor will they broadcast programming of interest to the communities they serve, but tend to increasingly broadcast only nationwide programs such as Dr. Laura or Howard Stern. Thus, today the only access the public has to its own airwaves are through community radio and micropower radio stations. It is an outrage and a violation of first amendments rights to harass and prohibit these stations from operating. Please support some version of the petitions RM-9208 or RM-9242 to legalize and license community, low-power radio stations so that the public may reclaim its airwaves from the commercial-only interests of the mega-corporations represented by the NAB and NPR.

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From: Michael Tefft <mtefft@ibm.net>
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("automated_activism@we-2.com")
Date: 7/21/98 9:59pm
Subject: Michael Tefft says Legalize Micro Radio

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From: "cruiser.dp" <cruiser.dp@mci2000.com>
To: A7.A7(WKENNARD)
Date: 7/22/98 2:27am
Subject: FCC ruling on micro-broadcasting

Dear Mr. Kennard

I would strongly recomend you making it possible for micro-broadcasters to broadcast legally. Right now it is very difficult for these people to get licenses and I would suggest you take the obstacles away so they could do it legally without lots of hassel. Broadcasting should not be only for the rich and wealthy coorporations like it is now.

Sincerely,
A concerned voting
tax-payer

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