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**To:** Jada Barnes <JBARNES@fcc.gov>
**Date:** 7/29/98 1:00am
**Subject:** Re: micro-broadcasting regulation and deregulation -Reply

I did write the following statement.
Thank you,
James Fisher.
>>>> <fisherj@cul.net> 07/20/98 01:16am >>>
> I would like to voice my opinion in favor of de-regulation of this
>important medium of information and thought. Too often these days, I find
>my cities radio stations are ruled by a few, mighty radio empires, three to
>be exact. With the exception of PBS and college stations, all radio
>stations in Orlando are owned by these three corporations, who appear
>to
>follow the sign of the all mighty dollar as opposed to offering actual
>programming which reflects local intrests, and or local musical talents, of
>which there are many. I have recently ceased listening to the radio for
>these reasons.
> The airwaves are a powerful tool, which can cause harm as well
>as
>good. As such, I understand the need to regulate them. However, it is
>both constitutionally and ethically wrong to prevent low-income
>companies
>and/or indivudials from recieving licenses to opperate their own, local,
>stations. It is not cheap to purchase the required wattage transmitters,
>as
>I am sure you know. This leaves radio broadcasting to the few, weathly
>corporations who can afford to do so. Free speach does not, nor
>should not,
>come with so heavy a price tag.
> One wonders how the national intrest is served by leaving almost
>all
>of the nations citzens completely disenfranchized from voice in the radio
>waves.
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> Please consider these things when designing policy in the future.
>Consider those of us whom the Government is designed to represent,
>and whose
>intrestes the FCC is created to serve.
> Thank you.
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