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Subject: Free Radio Asheville

Hello,

I am writing to you because I have heard that Free Radio Asheville, a small unlicensed radio station in North Carolina, was recently visited by the FCC. the FCC warned the station to cease operating or face possible action.

Actions like this concern me greatly. The FCC is currently considering several proposed rule changes to allow small broadcasters like Free Radio Asheville to obtain licenses. Numerous individuals within the FCC have publicly acknowledged the growing concentration of ownership within the media, including radio, as well as the need for more popular access to the media. But at the same time you are aggressively pursuing small stations like Asheville without any evidence that these stations are causing much harm (I am aware that there are allegations that unlicensed stations can interfere with other stations, but I am also aware that a complaint of interference is neither necessary nor sufficient for the FCC to take action against a broadcaster).

I strongly urge you to cease your efforts against small micropower radio stations like this one until the FCC takes action so as to allow ordinary people an effective voice on the radio. Thank you very much for your time.

Yours Very Sincerely,

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