

RM # 9208

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Sen. H. Kohl
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Dear Sen. Kohl:

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But approving such licenses would democratize the radio airwaves in a way not seen since the early 1930s when the first telecom laws were passed.

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The National Lawyers Guild's Committee on Democratic Communications ("CDC") has been involved in the fight to provide community-based low power FM since 1989, when it was first contacted by Mbanna Kantako to assist in the legal defense of his unlicensed 1-watt station broadcasting to the African American community of Springfield, Illinois.

Please contact the FCC and express strong support for low-power FM (LPMF).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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