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Dear FCC Commissioners--

With regard to the Proposed Rulemaking on micro radio, specifically concerning the 10 watt stations, I am in agreement with the Committee on Democratic Communications of the National Lawyers Guild in that these stations following these principles:

1. Non-commercial

2. Strict local ownership

3. Primarily local programming

4. Strict "one-to-a-customer" ownership limits

5. Extremely simplified and streamlined registration or licensing procedures

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The Committee on Democratic Communications of the National Lawyers Guild (CDC) is glad that the current FCC, under the leadership of Chairman Kennard, has finally recognized the free speech rights of everyone else. We urge the FCC, Congress, and the public to fully support the institution of a new "micropower" radio service, BUT it must be non-commercial, non-profit, and locally owned and programmed. To the extent that the commission is today considering simply a lower tier of commercial broadcasters we strongly disagree.

The CDC, on its behalf, and on behalf of many in the micro radio movement, has urged the FCC to adopt a micropower service with the following features:

1. Non-commercial

2. Strict local ownership

3. Primarily local programming

4. Strict "one-to-a-customer" ownership limits

5. Extremely simplified and streamlined registration or licensing procedures

A counterbalance is needed for the current commercial radio system, which has entirely abandoned localism and public service and become merely a money-making machine for large and distant corporations. Only the above criteria will ensure that microradio will remain an open, participatory voice for local communities.

There is no reason why thousands, or even tens of thousands, of low-power "microradio" stations could not exist in neighborhoods, apartment houses, communities, and small towns throughout the U.S. No reason except the FCC's

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extremely restrictive policies which favor the large, wealthy corporation and the monopolist.

The existence of thousands of unlicensed micro-radio stations around the country has shown that such stations can exist without causing interference to others. The FCC calls these stations "pirates". But the real "pirates" are those who have tightly monopolized the public spectrum for their own profit-making purposes, and who have largely eliminated local programming, especially local civic programming of any kind.