

I am writing in favor of the LPFM idea and would urge the commission to move quickly to get this process started. Since the FCC's recent decision to deregulate broadcasters, what used to be a locally based, community oriented service has now become nothing more than another revenue generating property for large corporations that could care less about their concerns of the local market...they just suck the money out and do not put anything back into the community. If the FCC plans to continue the current way licensing and ownership is handled, then small operators will have no chance. At least with the LPFM stations, there will be LOCAL events, LOCAL news, LOCAL advertising, and it will give those of us that want to do the right things for their communities a chance...the way things are now, unless you have at least a million dollars, you can't get into the radio business anymore.

I would also support that the stations be locally owned and not by any current license holders; that they be allowed to sell advertising; and that the power levels be high enough to cover a city (ie 1000 watts). Without these concessions, these LPFM stations will not survive, thus defeating the entire purpose.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment, and I look forward to the Commissions swift action in this matter.