

Greetings,

I am writing to comment on the proposed licensing of LPFM radio stations. It is an idea whose time is long over due. In order for it to work effectively and democratically, it will need some guidelines. These LPFM stations should be a resource to the community that they serve. Licenses should only be available to non-commercial, not-for-profit groups or individuals. The micro-watt radio movement (or pirates), after all, are a reaction to the corporate takeover of the radio waves. Too few people own too much of the media, and the FCC has allowed this to happen. These LPFM stations should be free from monopolies and corporate manipulation. The license should also have a reasonable price tag that lower income people can afford. Allowing people to transmit, as well as receive, will make America a more democratic country. The American spirit still thrives in our communities, we just need a voice. Further comment will follow as it develops. Thank you,  
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