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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Representatives For the People of Colorado,

I am writing to request your assistance. I am part of a group of citizens that operate a micro-radio station in Salida, Colorado. We are a grassroots, community based effort. Everyone is a volunteer. We broadcast primarily music, and we follow all of the FCC rules regarding obscenity and objectionable material. In our rural area, we receive few radio stations, so we are not intruding on any commercial airspace.

Free Range Radio operates at 6 watts of power. We operate without a license because the FCC does not have a licensing procedure for micro-radio stations. We are writing to ask you to support the current rulemaking (RM-9208, 9242, 9246) being considered by the FCC. These rules would make it possible for Free Range Radio to operate legally. Please support these "low power FM rules.

We started Free Range Radio after researching the costs and complexity of licensing a station through the FCC. The current regulations require a huge out-lay of money and exhaustive engineering studies, making community radio far beyond the means of a small and relatively poor community like ours. With radio increasingly consolidated in the hands of a few large corporations, the need for low-power community stations grows ever stronger.

Please tell the FCC you support low power FM.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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