

The proposal to license low power FM radio stations would serve the public, especially citizens who reside in small communities and suburbs.

Congress made an egregious mistake in adopting the Telecommunications Act of 1996, especially as the Act relates to the multiple ownership of AM and FM radio stations. Despite the arguments put forth by industry lobbyists such as the National Association of Broadcasters, concentration of ownership has had a negative impact on public service and access to the airwaves.

Furthermore, the industry employs fewer on air, production and associated personnel, as jobs have been cut and pay scales have diminished. Frankly, most of the people who have benefitted as a result of the Act are the CEO's, COO's, brokers, and lending institutions.

LPFM will likely allow for the return of "broadcasters", schools, women and minorities.

LPFM will likely give a voice to individuals and public service organizations who may not be able to compete with the mega corporations, but will likely operate their facilities in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission and maintain an altruistic approach to the art of broadcasting truly serving in the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Sincerely,

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