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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket # 99-25 & #95-25:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am heartened to see that the FCC is moving toward establishing licensing for low-power FM stations. I urge you to adopt rules for licensing Low Power FM radio that prioritize the needs of underrepresented and underserved communities, and those with limited access to capital. I am confident you agree that broad citizen access to information and culture is at the heart of a democratic society.

To support this vision, I urge you to proceed with the legalization of "microradio," with the following concerns in mind:

1. There should be completely **non-commercial service**. The current radio spectrum is dominated by commercial media. LPFM licenses should go to non-commercial community groups who want to use radio to communicate to the constituents and their neighbors, not to make a profit.
2. Licenses should be held locally, be non-transferable, affordable to all communities, easy to apply for and limited to one per license holder; they should NOT be businesses.
3. Power levels should be up to 100 watts in urban areas and up to 250 watts in rural areas.
4. No secondary status whatever should be allowed.
5. Problems, technical or otherwise, should be referred to the local voluntary micropower organization for assistance or mediation (e.g. the Ham radio model). The FCC should be the forum of last resort.
6. LPFM should be included in the future of digital radio.
7. If the FCC insists on licensing some commercial stations, they must be licensed last. In this instance, there should be a 2 year "headstart" for non-commercial licenses. The right of citizens to communicate is protected by the Constitution and the FCC's mandate. The right to make profit through local radio is not guaranteed under the FCC's mandate.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of these vital issues. I will appreciate your prompt response to these concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

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