

Sir: I am the Executive Director of Christian Media Incorporated located in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. We are a non-profit organization operating KCMJ FM 96.9, 100,000 watts. We are deeply concerned about the new Low-Power Radio proposal. When the market was opened up for educational stations to operate translators by satellite all over the country, numerous religious organizations saw this as an opportunity to expand their ministries. The result is that many full-powered stations such as ourselves have been placed in a precarious situation. Over the last 20 years we have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars developing our local station. Now for less than seven thousand dollars a translator can be dropped in our community. Two are currently on the air and another is in the application process. Our population base is very small and we need the full support of the community to survive. Fortunately, through a strong local emphasis, we are holding our own, but our fear is that with the introduction of LPR our financial base could be severely undermined.

Larry Irving, head of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and chief advisor to the White House on communications issues stated before a recent meeting of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE): "What if your church could have their own radio station that could broad