

Dear FCC,

I would like to comment on the proposed LPFM licensing. I feel micropower radio, an inexpensive and simple-to-operate technology, offers a unique opportunity for community voices not served by the mainstream media. These community radio stations should be allowed to operate legally. As a matter of freedom of speech I feel the community radio stations shouldn't be denied their voice on the airwaves. I feel it is essential to allow under 100-watt stations to get a license to operate. Also it is crucial for the license fee (if any) to be minimal otherwise it becomes another barrier to the LPFM stations to operate. I do not feel it should matter if the LPFM stations are commercial or noncommercial. If the station is a community based station serving the voices of the people in the community then it shouldn't matter if the station is making a living from advertisements or not. Since the range will be short advertisement will be on the small scale. I feel the LPFM licenses should be open to everyone who is noncorporate. The inclination not to apply most radio station service rules to the LPFM I feel is a good idea as long as interference to other stations is kept at a minimum. Low powered stations that chose to have their voices heard should not be disqualified from a future LPFM license. Many of the current low powered stations who operate "illegally" would have applied for a LPFM license if that option was available to them. It doesn't make sense to disqualify them if that option didn't exist while they operated. Once a LPFM license exists and they operate illegally then they can be disqualified from obtaining a license.

Sincerely,
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