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The Honorable Susan Ness  
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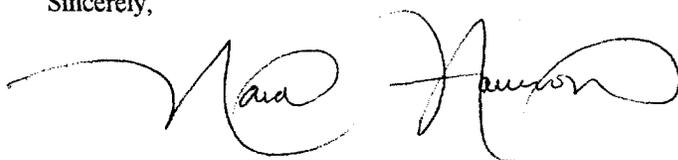
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Dear Commissioner Ness,

I am writing you congratulate you on the fine work your commission is doing with regards to considering granting licenses to Low Power FM radio stations. I feel that this is an issue that is long overdue for serious debate. I FULLY SUPPORT the idea of granting licenses to low power radio stations. Here in Denver, there is a horrible lack of local voices over the airwaves. The concentration of ownership in the Denver radio market is stifling to our community and allowing this new class of stations to operate would definitely help our community in many ways. Local, small businesses would be able to afford advertising on these types of stations, employment opportunities would increase and, not least of all, there would be a real alternative to the corporate run, non-local radio stations that currently over run the airwaves here in the Mile High City.

Many different types of programming could be introduced on these proposed new licensees. Local minority, religious and civil groups would be granted access to the currently inaccessible airwaves. Many people feel the internet and television are the waves of the future, but it is important to look at where these types of communication originated. Radio was the first "broadcast" medium and it is important that we take steps to free this first of mediums, in order that the more modern technologies can see the importance of "free" mediums of expression. By allowing Low Power Radio stations to operate legally, the FCC will be doing a great service; not only to this generation, but to generations to come. Who knows what the future may bring, in terms of broadcast medium possibilities. Let those who come after us see that we, as a nation, believed that the airwaves are a forum for all Americans to let their voices be heard and that local communities became stronger and more prosperous by allowing Low Power FM radio stations to broadcast with the blessing of FCC. Again, I thank you and your commission for addressing this issue and I hope that you will make the right decision on this most pressing of issues. The numerous communities around the nation will benefit from this endeavor. Mine will. Yours will. So will the greater community of the United States Of America. Thanks again for taking the time to read my letter

Sincerely,



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