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The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking of Low-Power FM
MN Docket 99-25**

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SUSAN NESS
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Dear Ms. Ness:

I am writing to express by deep concerns about the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that the FCC has begun on the issue of low-power FM, also known as microradio.

I own a small stand alone "daytime" AM radio station located just 20 miles from a major metropolitan area. I don't have a chance of ever owning a full power FM station due to my location to that major metropolitan area, they are all owned by the "big boys." My night power is a very small 47 watts that doesn't even cover my city of license. You are now proposing microradio or low-power FM stations in my community that could broadcast day and night at 1,000 watts. This "microradio" would be able to broadcast farther than my current night-time power of 47 watts. This would not only put me at an insurmountable disadvantage, it would also put my station out of business. It may be time the FCC looks at the plight of small community daytime AM stations and help them.

By putting a "daytime" stand alone, AM community radio station out of business does not in anyway serve the best interest of the public, in fact it would do just the opposite of what this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is intended to do!

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I would urge you and your fellow commissioners to give serious consideration to placing any low-power FM actions on hold until you have time to give serious thought as to how this will affect thousands of current community daytime AM radio stations. Why not consider granting some of those license's to daytime only AM stations that are only able to serve their communities during the sunlight hours. I am asked thousands of time each year, why I can't either get and FM signal, or increase power at night to serve the community like we do during the day. The FCC now has the power to correct this problem!

To enact this Proposed Rule Making would **kill** thousands of small family owned AM stations already serving their communities.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Massman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Massman
Owner KDWA Radio